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SOME INNOVATIONS WERE INTRODUCED

BY MAYOR MORLEY AT COUNCIL MEETING

Standing Committees Appointed For the Ensuing Year and What is Expected of Them.

That the general public are beginning to take an interest in the proceedings of the city council is evident from the fact that there was a large gathering of ratepayers at the opening meeting of the year held last night. It having been made clear during the progress of the municipal campaign that there are to be no more secret meetings, and that the public are entitled to the fullest information as to what takes place in the council chamber or committee, many will no doubt avail themselves of the opportunity of attending the proceedings of their representatives. Mayor Morley last night named the standing committees for the year, and adopted the novel course of briefly outlining the duties of each, and clearly intimating that he would expect them to faithfully discharge the duties assigned to them. It is proposed to hold two meetings of the council weekly, as long as there is business on hand needing attention. The second meeting of the week may resolve itself into committee of the whole and do such general work as

MAYOR A. J. MORLEY.

was transacted by the streets, sewers and bridges committee under the old regime. Everything is to be done open and above board. In opening the proceedings His Worship said:

Gentlemen of the council, before making the appointment of committees for the year it is hardly necessary for me to call your attention to the fact that we have some very important business to come before us this year, and that success or failure depends very largely upon the manner in which these various committees do the work assigned to them. I need not say that I will at all time willingly lend any assistance in my power, and I trust you will lend your energies to bring the various projects to a successful issue. I intend to do away with the usual committee meeting held down stairs, and have our affairs openly conducted. If necessary, of course, we can at any time go into committee of the whole. I hope you will assist me in making our meetings as harmonious as possible and in avoiding all useless technicalities and unnecessary routine.

The committees which I will name are as follows:

Songhees Indian Reserve—Ald. Yates, Douglas and Hall.

Cemetery and Home—Ald. Vincent, Yates and Goodacre.

Light and Telephone—Ald. Hall, Fell and Douglas.

Finance—Ald. Goodacre, Vincent and Davey.

Fire Wardens—Ald. Fullerton, Goodacre and Vincent.

Legislation—Ald. Fell, Stewart and Fullerton.

Park—Ald. Douglas, Davey and Yates.

Water Works Improvements—Ald. Stewart, Hall and Fell.

Streets, Bridges and Sewers—Ald. Vincent, Fullerton and Stewart.

Health and Morals—Ald. Davey, Yates and Douglas.

Redistribution of Wards—Ald. Yates and Vincent.

Songhees Indian Reserve.

I sincerely trust that ere the council of 1906 has passed away the Songhees reserve will have ceased to exist. In dealing with this question I would suggest that the committee take into consideration the advisability of the council, or its representatives, waiting upon the Lieut.-Governor in Council, in whose hands the settlement now is, with a definite proposal in writing to the provincial government, subject to ratification by the ratepayers, on the following lines:

"That the city agree to provide a new reserve, to the satisfaction of the Indians, and the government obtain the consent of the Indians to their removal, and make the necessary arrangements therefor.

"That the cost of their rehabilitation—that is, providing them with new and suitable homes on the new reserve—be met from the proceeds of the sale of the central portion of the reserve substantially as called for in the terms of agreement now in the hands of the provincial government.

"The provincial government to surrender to the city the north and south portions of the reserve; the city to hold the same forever in trust for park, industrial, railroad and wharfage purposes, in common interest of the city, the city to grant the use of such portions of the same as shall be necessary for terminal railroad and wharfage purposes to the E. & N. or C. P. railroad, and to all other railroads seeking an approach to the harbor."

Cemetery and Home.

I would suggest to the committee that no time be lost in bringing forward a definite plan for dealing with the Quadra street cemetery, not forgetting the sacred rights of those immediately concerned. Also to consider the advisability of cemetery gardening being done by the city under the direction of the suggested park commissioners.

Regarding the home, I trust that no time will be lost in its completion so that the inmates may be more comfortably housed in pleasant surroundings, as soon as may be.

Light and Telephone.

I believe the light committee has in the past year completed arrangements for new and modern street lighting, and as nothing definite can be decided regarding the city's providing light for domestic and other service until an economic source of power is assured, I will request you to turn your immediate attention to ways and means whereby a telephone service, at minimum rates, may be provided, and to this end I beg you to lose no time in reporting upon the cost of installing a modern telephone system.

It is advisable, in this connection, to look into the ownership of space under the city's sidewalks relative to using such space for wires, pipes, etc.

Finance.

I believe that between the years 1900 and 1903 an additional debt of $468,500 was floated to cover the Point Ellice accident, James Bay reclamation, High school, Point Ellice bridge, Government street paving, the amount required for interest and sinking fund being some $24,000 per annum. This called for an additional rate of about 2 mills, the rate was raised 5 mills. I trust that the finance committee will look very carefully into this matter, and hope they will find it possible, without detriment, to advise a reduction in the rate of at least 2 mills, although I consider it better policy to, if necessary, to keep to the present rate of 24 mills rather than exercise false economy.

There are many ways in which a saving may be made during the coming year without menacing the efficiency of our service or the city's welfare, and I trust the committee will exercise its judgment in making suggestions along these lines.

Fire Wardens.

I need not press upon this committee the necessity, until such time as we shall be better supplied with water, of keeping our fire department up to a high standard of efficiency, also constant inspection of hydrants and alarm boxes.

Following out the suggestion of Ald. Douglas, it would be well to report on the expense of providing the firemen with neat and substantial blue uniforms.

Park.

I hope in the near future we may bring about the appointment of an honorary board of park commissioners for the carrying on of an unbroken system of park and street improvement; this committee, however, must carry on the work in the usual manner until such appointment is made, and as the chairman is the same as last year, I need make no remarks as to the manner of so doing.

A very important matter in this connection that must be dealt with at once is the providing the large population of North Ward with adequate recreation grounds. It has been considered advisable to this end to sell or exchange some of the property now owned by the city for park purposes in James Bay district. I would ask the park committee to consult with the North Ward aldermen, and trust that no opposition will be forthcoming from the other two wards to giving the North Ward this necessary improvement.

Waterworks Improvement.

Upon this committee will rest the most important work of the year, the taking over of the Goldstream system. Although I intend that it shall be dealt with as far as possible by the council at large, there is much work to be done by the committee before it can come before the council in an intelligent shape. I will arrange for Mr. Taylor to meet with the committee and myself to give us a clear understanding of our present position. It then rests with the committee to lose no time in reporting to the council on the necessary steps to the taking over by the city of the Goldstream water, and of expropriating that part of the system, such as plant, machinery and dams, that have been added thereto, and preparing a by-law for consideration of the council; also to obtain the approximate value of the said plant and machinery, etc., and to approximate revenue at present derived therefrom.

It is not safe to allow another year to pass under our present inadequate water supply, and as under no circumstances would it be wise to abandon the gravity part of the Elk lake supply, I would suggest that as the expense entailed is not large, the committee should give favorable consideration to the advisability of at once doing the small amount of damming necessary to largely increase the Elk lake supply; also that steps be taken to prevent the now dangerous pollution of the lake and surroundings.

All other matters connected with the Elk lake system must remain in abeyance until such time, in the near future, as we can definitely determine the time that must elapse ere the Goldstream system can be brought into use.

The whole question of supply, size and strength of main, meters, etc., will have to be taken carefully into consideration, and will entail an amount of work unforeseen by those not acquainted with the practicable side of the question of water supply.

Another matter of importance which I will request the committee to report upon without delay, to the doing away with the long-existing injustice to one section of our population; I speak of Victoria West, where our people are, through the failure of the city to supply them with water in the usual way, paying a much higher rate than the rest of the city. As I believe the city is required to supply all inhabitants with a plentiful supply of wholesome water without favor or discrimination, it is our duty to make arrangements whereby the cost of water to the individual shall be equally borne by all. In this connection I would remind you that, although the cost of supplying water to the higher levels of the city is much greater on account of pumping than to the low level, they do not pay a higher rate. I suggest for your consideration the advisability of the city purchasing the supply and giving the people of Victoria West water at the same rates as the rest of the city, in the name of British fair play, until such time as we are able to re-arrange the whole system of supply.

Streets, Bridges and Sewers.

This committee will be an important one, as it takes the place to a large measure of the old committee of the whole. It will have to consider a great deal in detail, and will, I trust, place the results of its finding in such clear and condensed form before the council as shall enable it to deal readily therewith, being at the same time made fully aware of all matters in this connection.

Health and Morals.

It is necessary that more stringent measures be adopted for insuring the safety of the public health against food and drink adulteration.

For the greater care in the handling of garbage, etc., and prevention of dumping perishable noxious material in the city limits.

For devising economical means of caring for the same.

I would ask you also to consider the advisability of bringing forward a by-law making it a finable offence for the manager of a house of amusement to allow the use of immoral or immorally suggestive acts or speech in places of public amusement.

Redistribution.

This is a question already partially fought out, and I trust that the spirit of fair dealing will enable us, with the assistance of the committee, to bring about a fair and equitable redistribution as soon as the necessary steps and formalities can be carried out.

I trust the committee will lose no time in putting this matter in shape.

Ald. Yates feared that he had been put on more committees than he would have time to attend.

The Mayor said that he had endeavored to equalize the work and place one alderman of each ward on each committee, and fairly distribute the chairmanships.

Ald. Goodacre suggested that the list might lay over until Thursday evening's meeting.

The suggestion was adopted.

Ald. Yates—Do I understand you to say that we are to have two council meetings a week?

The Mayor—Yes, sir.

Ald. Stewart did not think this necessary. As far as the works committee was concerned, with only three members on it, they would be kept busy, with two council meetings and committee work.

The Mayor explained that the streets, sewers and bridges committee might transact their business at the Thursday evening meeting, if deemed advisable.

Ald. Fell asked if it was the intention to allow the park commissioners to expend money.

The Mayor—No, sir.

Ald. Fell also wished to know what the legislative committee were to do.

The Mayor expected from the committee that it would keep the council posted on matters affecting the municipalities.

After some further discussion the council adjourned to Thursday evening at eight o'clock.

SLOT MACHINES MUST GO.

The Police Have Notified the Saloons and Cigar Stands.

The only ones who denounce what are now known as "Morley's mandates" appear to be the professional gamblers and the saloon keepers whom these gentry patronized. The Savoy was by no means the only place in town where a man with money to gamble could be accommodated. Several other houses were well known to the police where money changed hands freely, passing from the pockets of the amateur sport into the possession of the professional and his ever obliging staff of assistants. The "house," of course, received a big percentage of the profits of the game, as well as the profits on the stuff passed over the bar, so that the players might be worked up to the pitch of speculation. All these places are now closed tight, and the gamblers are afraid to ply their avocation. In addition to putting a stop to card playing for high stakes, the various mechanical devices for relieving the unwary of their coin have also been removed. Even the nickel-in-the-slot machines are doomed. Some of these would occasionally yield up the necessary cards to entitle the player to a cigar or a drink—and sometimes they wouldn't. However, it was evident that the machines were not on the bar merely as ornaments or as a source of innocent amusement philanthropically supplied by the saloon men. Many of the machines in use were clearly designed to evade the law against gambling. For instance, a nickel-in-the-slot would in some cases entitle the donor to a stave of music as well as a chance of doubling his investment. In these cases it was claimed that the man who parted with the nickel got a nickel's worth of music. However, under the new rule even these must go. Many of the interested ones are disputing the legality of the order as to the slot machines, and it is probable that the subject will be brought before the courts.

A tigress in Burmah that had a record of having killed more than 800 persons was killed lately by two English engineers.

PREPARATIONS FOR CHINESE NEW YEAR

ANNUAL FESTIVITIES COMMENCE TO-MORROW

Local Orientals Busy Arranging For Week's Holiday—Opening Fusilade Occurs at Midnight.

Chinese New Year, the period which Celestials throughout the world unite in celebrating, will be ushered in by local representatives of the Oriental kingdom with proper enthusiasm. Although the week of festivity does not open until after midnight, many were unable to restrain themselves and at intervals to-day the crackle of firecrackers and the boom of tom toms could be heard from the direction of that section below Johnson street, where is located Victoria's chinatown. From to-morrow until Tuesday of next week "joy will be unconfined" in this small but thickly populated settlement.

A Times representative prompted by curiosity and impelled by that ubiquitous spirit which is supposed to be dominant in all humble members of the fourth estate, took a stroll through Chinatown. The streets and alleys frequented the year round by innumerable natives of the Flowery Kingdom are never very "sweet" to the average Occidental visitor, but on this occasion there was a noticeable improvement. Happy smiles and genial laughter were met with on every hand, and that holiday spirit which invariably precedes a great national festivity pervaded the atmosphere.

The explanation of the elimination of many of the objectionable odors is to be found in the fact that one of the Chinese traditions is that streets, stores, etc., must be made as clean as possible before the celebrations. This injunction the merchants were faithfully following, and contingents of workmen could be seen everywhere industriously scrubbing and brushing. Another interesting practice of the scrupulous Chinese business man is to pay all debts before the New Year. The collectors for all the larger firms are out making the final round-up to-day, and all those who would maintain their standing in the community will have "squared" themselves with the world before the town clock ceases tolling the midnight hour to-night.

The Chinaman's celebration does not differ to a material extent from that of the white man. It is true that the former is fond of the noise and confusion caused by the bursting of explosives, but, it is safe to say, that he is fonder of the feasting that always accompanies the festivity. In order to ensure his peace of mind and to satisfy his conscience, the devil must be given a thorough scare. That, however, is taken as a matter of course, and the other feature is to him by far the most pleasant. This trait of Oriental character was strikingly illustrated this morning.

While the reporter wandered aimlessly along he encountered an excited throng on one of the principal corners. The Chinamen were gathered in a large circle two or three feet deep, and kept up a perfect babble of conversation, accompanied by frantic gesticulations. Investigation proved that the attraction was seven or eight baskets filled with chickens, evidently doomed to grace the banquetting tables of those Chinamen sufficiently fortunate to be in a position to make the purchase. The peddlers apparently understood their advantage, and were bargaining with unmoved countenances, allowing the heckling of would-be purchasers to pass unnoticed until the latter in desperation agreed to the figure originally mentioned. Then the hapless chicken would be passed to its new owner despite its protests, and carried away in triumph.

Doubtless it will be disappointing for the average "small boy," very few of whom don't look forward to Chinese New Year, to learn that the delay in the arrival of the Empress from China will probably effect the generosity of their Oriental friends. From what can be learned there was a large consignment of fire-crackers, candy and ginger due to arrive on that vessel for the forthcoming celebration, and it will not reach here until after the festive period. Consequently the supply is much smaller than was expected, and it is a question whether the local merchants will have sufficient to indulge themselves to the excess generally considered necessary on such an occasion. Not only will this affect Victoria, but Chemainus, Ladysmith, Nanaimo, Vancouver, and, in fact, all the Chinamen of British Columbia and Sound points may have to limit their gifts, and perhaps even their own personal festivity.

There is no regular programme drafted by the local Chinamen. Those interested, however, may rely upon witnessing the usual peculiar Chinese religious services by visiting the local josh houses on any evening next week. There is one characteristic upon which the Chinaman deserves commendation, and that is the tolerant good nature with which he accepts the inquisitiveness of white strangers during his annual celebration. Every year the streets of Chinatown are thronged with visitors. They enter the stores and any establishment or house where the Chinamen are seen and wish them, people whom they would not recognize if they met again on the streets, a "Happy New Year." Some of the more conservative Chinese have in recent years adopted the plan of locking their doors, but in the majority of cases the self-invited visitors are made welcome, treated to whatever there may happen to be upon the refreshment table, and sent away with a larger idea of Oriental hospitality. In return the least that could be done by the entertained would be to make a point of seeing that their hosts are not subjected to the petty annoyances of past years during their forthcoming holiday.

CHICAGO DEMONSTRATION.

To Commemorate St. Petersburg "Red Sunday"—Roosevelt's Name Hissed.

(Associated Press.)

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 23.—A thousand men and women carrying red flags last night marched through slush, sleet and wind in a parade to commemorate St. Petersburg "Red Sunday" of a year ago. The parade ended at a hall where a meeting was held. The world's rulers were called Emissaries of the evil one, and President Roosevelt was hissed when mentioned by Seymour Stedman in connection with the sending of condolences on the assassination of Sergius. When the collection was taken Chairman Thos. J. Morgan announced, "This money will be sent to the international bureau at Brussels, and from there to Russia to help widows and orphans of the slain and, if necessary, to buy dynamite."

STOCK BROKERS FAIL.

(Associated Press.)

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 23.—Ed. Gartner & Co., stock brokers and members of the Pittsburg stock exchange, made an assignment to-day. The liabilities will exceed $200,000. Samuel A. Steele, of this city, was appointed assignee.

CLAIM CAPTAIN WAS INCOMPETENT

CHARGES MADE BY SURVIVORS OF WRECK

Complaints Formally Preferred by Members of King David's Crew to Lloyds' Agent.

The inevitable aftermath of every disaster at sea, has followed the loss of the King David on the West Coast of Vancouver Island, in the form of specific complaints against some of the officers of the vessel. These complaints have been formally preferred to Lloyd's agent here, Capt. J. G. Cox, and will go forward with his comments on the same, to the proper authorities in the old land. Under the shipping code no facilities of a legal character seem to exist on this coast, under which a board of inquiry could be created, and the accident investigated excepting on the complaint of the captain, or of some passenger. The board of trade in Great Britain (the King David was of British register) can deal with the matter, but all the witnesses, practically, will remain on this coast, and their evidence would not be available at the proceedings of such a court.

Two of the men who helped to man the unfortunate vessel, able seamen named Ed. Hay, and J. O. Flaherty, respectively, are responsible for the charges which have been filed with Lloyd's agent. The former claims to be a native of Tennessee, and to have followed the sea for twenty six years in all kinds of craft from the fishing schooners plying out of Gloucester and Nova Scotia ports, to the deep sea vessels which traverse the southern seas. He claims, too, to have served as mate of a number of the coasting vessels mentioned.

His companion, Flaherty, is a native of Ireland, and claims to be a naval reserve man, although his experience in the navy seems to have been acquired in the engine room, rather than before the mast. He states that he served in the Terrible on one of her commissions, and in other vessels of the royal navy.

These men claim that the captain's story, as related on his arrival in Victoria, is misleading. They question that officer's ability to handle a ship, criticize his second mate, Edwards, who they state was taken out of the forecastle at Salinas Cruz, and had only served a year and a half at sea, and broadly suggest that there is no reason why the King David should have been castaway. They claim that the vessel has one puncture only in her hull, between the main and mizzen masts, and could be floated quite easily.

They state that the land was sighted on the 10th when on the off-shore tack. At four they wore ship and stood in for two hours. The weather was then so thick they could not see land, so they stood off. At 9.30 breakers were sighted on the lee bow, and orders given to wear ship, when there was no room to wear. The vessel was already among the breakers. She passed over an outer reef in safety, and skirting the edge of an inner one dropped anchor at the eastern end. There was eight fathoms of water and plenty of swinging room. Here they remained until the 13th.

On the 13th there was a "whole sail" breeze, but the weather was fine. There was no chance of sailing out as the wind was E. N. E., but the captain ordered that anchor be heaved. The chain jumped the windlass, and the vessel was carried onto the reef.

Most of the crew were for going ashore, and one boat was employed in taking them to land, the captain refusing permission to lower the port lifeboat. All came ashore but the captain and first officer. The latter came ashore the next day, and on the fifteenth the captain hoisted a flag, which was the signal that he desired to come ashore. He also was then taken off.

Hay and Flaherty complain of bad treatment by the captain, and declare that the boat in which the first officer and his men stared for Cape Beale was in bad shape, and was taking water so fast that it had to be kept clear by bailing while it was being provisioned. Hay and another seaman started along the beach in the direction of Nootka, from which point they had decried smoke, but they did not reach their destination, travelling being very difficult. Hay also claims that food to sustain him on this trip was denied him.

Wollstein, the first officer, he thinks, perished with his men as he headed well out to sea, and did not follow the coast line, as he thinks would have been the proper course. He thinks their boat foundered under the heavy seas.

A number of the crew will remain on the coast, and will seek employment with the shipping plying out of this and neighboring ports.

KILLED BY SNOWSLIDE.

Five Italian Miners Perished in Colorado—Railways Are Blocked.

(Associated Press.)

Silverton, Col., Jan. 23.—Five Italian miners employed at the Sunnyside mine lost their lives in an immense snow slide late yesterday afternoon. No particulars or the names of the men can be obtained as the telephone line is down and communication of all kinds destroyed.

No trains from Durango and Denver have arrived here since last Wednesday, due to slides and immense drifts of snow, which have blocked the tracks.

There are eleven slides between Silverton and Elkpark. The slides average from seven to thirty feet deep, and from 500 to 600 wide. The storm, which has about spent its force, has been one of the worst ever known in this section.

Buried by Avalanche.

Salt Lake, Jan. 22.—The last of the six bodies buried by the snow slide at Alta Friday night has been recovered. Since communication with the mining camp has been restored it has been learned that the avalanche came about midnight. It swept a half mile before striking a boarding house and adjoining saloon, in which the men were sleeping. Both buildings were wrecked, and the former was completely hidden from view.

Three of the five men sleeping in the saloon managed to crawl from under the debris and snow, and attired only in their night clothing, worked for hours in an effort to rescue their comrades. Their feet were frozen.

FIGHT INTERRPUTED.

Officials of Club Feared Collapse of Seats and Contest Was Called Off.

(Associated Press.)

Chelsea, Mass., Jan. 23.—A scheduled 15-round bout between Benny Yanger, of Chicago, and Kid Goodman, at the Douglas A. C. was stopped last night at the end of the 12th round by order of the club officials, who claimed that one of the tiers of seats was insecure. The referee called the fight a draw. Up to that time Yanger had the best of the contest. He did all the leading except in the fifth and ninth rounds. Depuy, Chief Neil, of the state police, was present.

EMBARGO ON CATTLE.

Austria-Hungary Has Taken Action Against Servia.

(Associated Press.)

Vienna, Jan. 23.—The closing of the Austro-Hungarian frontier against the importation of Servian cattle into Austro-Hungary is clearly an aggressive movement for the purpose of making Servia understand that Austria-Hungary is firmly opposed to the proposed neutral customs union of the Balkan states. Ninety per cent. of the Servian cattle are marketed in Austro-Hungary.

PICTURE PURCHASED.

(Associated Press.)

London, Jan. 23.—The Standard this morning says it understands that the "Venus" of Vlasque was purchased for the nation yesterday owing to anonymous personage becoming the guarantor of the purchase money. The Paris Louvre has unavailingly offered $250,000 for the canvas.

PETITIONS FROM ALASKANS.

(Associated Press.)

Seattle, Jan. 23.—A petition has been sent to President Roosevelt by a number of Alaskans in the city asking that Judge James Wickersham, of the United States District court of Washington, be appointed governor of Alaska.

RAILWAY TRAFFIC DELAYED.

(Associated Press.)

Hinton, W. Va., Jan. 23.—Heavy rains caused landslides near Hinton on the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad, which will likely tie up traffic all day. A freight train is standing in four feet of water in Big Bend tunnel ten miles east of Hinton.

VLADIVOSTOCK SQUADRON.

Remnant of Russian Fleet Has Arrived at Colombo.

(Associated Press.)

St. Petersburg, Jan. 23.—The Vladivostock squadron, consisting of the cruisers Gromobol, Bogatyr and Rossia, arrived at Colobo, Ceylon, on Sunday.

SERIOUS UPRISING IN BESSARABIA

MANY PERSONS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN KILLED

Local Officials Made Prisoners by Mob—Resumption of Hostilities Between Armenians and Tartars

(Associated Press.)

Bender, Bessarabia, Jan. 23.—There is a serious uprising in the vicinity of Tamerat, a Bulgarian colony. The entire population has risen and made prisoners of the local authorities. The vice-governor, who set out with a squadron of dragoons and two guns, encountered a mob of 15,000, many of whom were armed. The vice-governor immediately sent for reinforcements and machine guns.

It is reported that many persons have been killed in the neighboring valleys.

More Fighting.

Elizabethpol, Trans-Caucasia, Jan. 23.—Hostilities have been resumed between the Armenians and the Tartars. A body of Tartars yesterday attacked the military patrols, but were dispersed by the artillery.

WEATHER VERY SEVERE IN NORTH

A WOOD FAMINE IS REPORTED AT DAWSON

Unoccupied Cabins are Being Torn Down For Fuel—Horses Die From the Cold.

(Special to the Times.)

White Horse, Jan. 23.—With the temperature 70 below there is a wood famine at Dawson. The police will not allow horses out to haul wood. Unoccupied cabins are being torn down and used for fuel. Warm storage men are in danger of heavy losses by freezing. The coldest weather in the history of the Yukon is now prevailing throughout the territory.

The White Pass railroad is operating trains daily. The stage line between White Horse and Dawson is tied up because of horses freezing their lungs, and they drop dead if taken out.

The temperatures all along the Yukon river during the last three days range from 65 to 80 below zero.

No fatalities are reported, but there are many cases of frozen feet, hands and faces.

The new town of Conrad, near Windy Arm silver and gold mines, promises to be the busiest point in the north during the coming summer.

KILLED IN PANIC.

Eighteen Negroes Crushed to Death or Suffocated in Church in Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Jan. 22.—A wild panic following a loud shriek of "Fire" brought death to eighteen colored persons and injuries to nearly two score of others last night in St. Paul's Baptist church, on west side of Eighth street, between Poplar street and Girard avenue.

The terrible rush to gain the street was of brief duration, and that more were not killed in the stampede probably was due to the fact that the church was not crowded.

At the time the disaster occurred not more than 300 persons were on the second floor of the building, which, with the gallery, was capable of accommodating 600 to 700 persons.

The fire was a trifling one and was extinguished before the firemen arrived.

The smell of smoke added to the panic, and despite the heroic work of Rev. Mr. Johnson, pastor of the church, who tried in vain to allay the fears of the frightened worshippers, the terror-stricken negroes made a rush to leave the church, only to be choked up in the narrow stairway. Those in the rear leaped over the prostrate forms of those who fell, and when the rush was over eighteen lay dead on the first floor and stairs of the building. Death in nearly every case was due to suffocation or trampling.

THE REMINGTON EXPLOSION.

Ensign Charles T. Wade Has Been Acquitted.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 22.—Ensign Charles T. Wade, charged with responsibility for the explosion of the gunboat Bennington in San Diego harbor, California, some months ago, has been acquitted by the court-martial in his case.

FROM THE FRENCH.

Government Will Send a Wedding Present to Miss Alice Roosevelt.

(Associated Press.)

Paris, Jan. 23.—The Matin this morning says that the French government has decided to send to Miss Alice Roosevelt a magnificent piece of gobelin tapestry as a wedding present.

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TWO CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH

THROUGH EXPLOSION OF BOTTLE OF GASOLINE

Prince Arthur Accepts Invitation to Visit Toronto Horse Show—Strike of Copper.

Ottawa, Jan. 22.—Two children, aged 1 and 3 years, were burnt to a crisp at Hintonburg through the explosion of a bottle of gasoline with which an elder sister was cleaning furs. The latter was severely injured.

Will Visit Toronto.

Ottawa, Jan. 22.—His Royal Highness Prince Arthur of Connaught has accepted an invitation to attend the Toronto horse show in April.

Copper Discovery.

Port Arthur, Jan. 22.—A wonderful strike of copper is reported from near Cloud bay, samples of ore assaying 26 per cent. pure metal. The vein is both deep and wide, and is regarded as a continuation of the famous one which made the upper peninsula famous as a copper producer.

Destroyed by Fire.

Swan River, Man., Jan. 22.—Van Sukil's bakery and the offices of Beattie & Co., bankers, and B. Bothwell, barrister, were burned to-day, entailing a loss of about $3,000; insurance, $800.

Lost His Team.

Saskatoon, Jan. 22.—F. J. Hart, while driving across the prairie near here at night, lost his team in an open well.

Died From Injuries.

Frank, Alberta, Jan. 22.—A young Englishman named Jenkins, employed on the Grassy Mountain railway, who had his back broken in an accident six weeks ago, has just succumbed to his injuries.

Fatal Fall.

Winnipeg, Jan. 22.—An Icelandic laborer fell down the elevator shaft of the new C. P. R. hotel to-day while attempting to descend on a rope from the fourth storey. His back was broken and he succumbed shortly afterwards in the hospital.

THE "ALL RED ROUTE."

Around the World By Canadian Pacific Railway and Steamboats.

St. John, N. B., Jan. 22.—Among the passengers sailing for Liverpool by the steamship Lake Champlain on Saturday were Master Fred Shaughnessy and his tutor, Mr. C. F. Anstey. They had come by the C. P. R. express from Montreal and are starting on a trip around the world under circumstances of unusual interest. The trip will take about four months, during which time they will be continually under the British flag.

What is still more novel, however, is the fact that their entire route around the globe will be made on the regular rail and steamship lines of a single transportation company, and that company a Canadian corporation. The tickets which are no more pretentious in size than an ordinary excursion ticket, read as being good for passage "from Montreal, Canada, to Montreal, Canada, via St. John, Liverpool, Capetown, Singapore, Hongkong, Yokohama and Vancouver, by C. P. R. and steamship lines," and so complete is the form that even the runs of the conductors across the continent are clearly shown. The tickets are self-explaining as to the method by which this remarkable feat will be accomplished.

Reaching Liverpool by the C. P. R. steamship Lake Champlain the travelers will take from that port another C. P. R. steamer, the Monteagle, to Hongkong, where they are due to arrive on April 8th next. The Monteagle is a vessel of 5,500 tons, which is being transferred to the Pacific fleet owing to the growth of Oriental trade. In the installation of this new line, the C. P. R. has completed the last link in an all-round-the-world service, unique in character and far-reaching in importance. Added to the Atlantic and Pacific steamship services of the company, it enables the C. P. R. to provide a continuous journey, including its railway service, of almost 20,000 miles, girdling the earth, touching four continents and ploughing the waters of "seven seas."

From Hongkong the voyagers will return to Vancouver by the Empress of India and across the continent by rail to Montreal, arriving there on May 13th next, and thus completing what will certainly be a record trip. Never before has it been possible for a single transportation company to write a ticket of this kind exclusively over its own lines, and the fact that Canada has led the way in this respect is but another evidence of the rapid commercial development of the Dominion.

SEVERE STORM.

Chicago Street Car Lines Almost Out of Commission—Several Mills Closed.

Chicago, Jan. 22.—A severe storm of alternating rain and sleet and snow which commenced just before midnight last night caused one of the worst tie-ups this city has known in many years. But few telegragh wires were working out of the city to-day in any direction. There being no communication whatever with the East. Inside the city the telephone communication was badly crippled and street car lines were almost out of commission. The elevated roads were still greater sufferers. Many passengers on the Aurora line were compelled to remain all night in the depots when the road ceased operations on account of the storm. Large commission brokerage houses which ordinarily use from 20 to 30 wires leading to all parts of the country were unable to send a message to anywhere and were without advices from other parts of the country.

The weather bureau announced that the storm was moving slowly eastward with the centre just north of Indianapolis. It was predicted that the area of the low barometer would surely move eastward, although the precipitation might be expected in this section for another 24 hours. The railways seem to be in a better condition to contend against the sleet and snow than the electric lines which were at times during the day in desperate straits. On some of the lines running east from here hundreds of miles of railroad wires were down, and the dispatchers were having a trying time in moving trains in the outlying sections of the city to enable people to reach their places of employment. The great steel mills in South Chicago were barely able to muster enough men to operate all of their departments early in the day, and for some time some of them were closed down.

Trains Delayed.

Dallas, Tex., Jan. 22.—A cold wave accompanied by snow is sweeping over north Texas to-day. Trains are delayed and all communication is interrupted.

Wires Down.

St. Louis, Jan. 22.—A blanket of sleet two inches thick covered the grounds this morning with a temperature of 16 above and a fine sleet blowing. Street car traffic was delayed. Telegraphic communication with Chicago and points east of St. Louis ceased at 8 o'clock, and three hours later had not been resumed. At the telegraph office it was stated that communication was being arranged east of here in a slow round about fashion, but that service was badly delayed. West of St. Louis telegraphic communication was established with some litle interference.

OLD COUNTRY ELECTIONS.

Returns Continue to Show Gains By the Liberals.

London, Jan. 22.—The Liberal gains continue. Hon. Robert W. Peel, son and heir of Viscount Peel and grandson of Sir Robert Peel, was defeated for the Harrow division of Middlesex to-day by the Liberal candidate. The seats are now distributed as follows: Liberals, 262; Unionists, 177; Nationalists, 79; Laborites, 42.

Ants have brains larger in proportion to the size of their bodies than any other living creature.

THE RUSSIAN LOAN.

Government Awaits Outcome of the Moroccan Conference—Uprisings Planned Abroad.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 22.—A prominent official of the ministry of finance said yesterday that the government was waiting for the conclusion of the Moroccan conference before resuming the negotiations for a loan, which were interrupted in October. Should the outcome of the conference be peaceful the government anticipates little difficulty in obtaining a loan, even should the national assembly be not convoked when the financial negotiations are resumed. The prospects throughout the country are much brighter with the collapse of the armed revolt and the progress made in restoring order.

The official admitted, however, that Russia would have to pay a high rate of interest for a loan, but cash was necessary. The receipts from taxes and customs, over which apprehension had been expressed in the budget report, were most encouraging. The importations were heavy in order to escape the higher duties of the new tariff, which becomes effective March 1st, and the peasants, who paid the government practically nothing during the past few months, are now resuming payments.

A new general armed uprising had been scheduled for January 22nd, but the premature explosions at Moscow and elsewhere have found the military so loyal that the revolutionists have changed their minds. Minor rioting might be attempted, and, in fact, the police have learned of an attack on several postal telegraph stations in the suburbs and have taken measures to put down any such rioting with the utmost severity. The police did not even expect the one-day strike to begin in St. Petersburg, as there were too many idle men, and the others were afraid to risk losing their positions in midwinter.

The authorities have evidence that the uprisings and terrorism in Russia were largely organized abroad. The bombthrower arrested at Odessa has been identified as a Parisian, who was under surveillance by the French authorities on account of activity in the international anarchist movement having its origin in Paris. The leaders shot were mostly of foreign origin.

ANOTHER RECORD.

Boundary Mines Sent 25,971 Tons of Ore to Smelters During Week.

Phoenix, Jan. 20.—A new record was rolled up by the Boundary mines and smelters. This week's output of the several shipping mines was: Granby mines to Granby smelter, 16,708 tons; Mother Lode to B. C. Copper smelter, 3,424 tons; Brooklyn Stemwinder to Dominion Copper smelter, 2,790 tons; Rawhide to Dominion Copper smelter, 420 tons; Sunset to Dominion Copper smelter, 1,716 tons; Emma to Nelson and B. C. Copper smelters, 363 tons; Oro Denoro to Granby smelter, 510 tons; Providence to Trail smelter, 40 tons; total shipments for the week, 25,971 tons; for the year, 54,476 tons.

Boundary's three smelters treated this week: Granby smelter, 17,020 tons; B. C. Copper smelter, 31,653 tons; Dominion Copper smelter, 4,927 tons; total for the week, 26,000 tons; total for the year to date, 58,172 tons.

NEGRO LYNCHED.

Hopkinsville, Ky., Jan.22.—A mob of 300 men on Sunday morning took Ernest B. Kirer, a negro, from the county jail and hanged him from a beam of the city scales near the court house in the centre of the city. Saturday night Kirer attempted a criminal assault on Mary Gentry.

DELAYED BY FOG.

New York, Jan. 22.—New York harbor was practically fog bound to-day, the mist being so dense that no craft entered or left the harbor. Several Atlantic liners, inward bound, are anchored outside of Sandy Hook bar.

A CLOUD BURST.

Nashville, Jan. 22.—Parts of Huntsville, Ala., were flooded to-day by a cloud burst. Many houses were inundated, bridges washed away and electric railway traffic stopped. No loss of life is reported.

THE ECUADOR REVOLT.

Guayaquil Has Surrendered—Situation Is Reported Quiet.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 22.—The state department has received a brief cablegram from Guayaquil, Ecuador, announcing the surrender of Guayaquil, and saying the situation is quiet. The cablegram contains no further details.

RUSSIAN GREEK CHURCH.

Reformers May Follow the Council Summoned by the Metropolitan.

(Associated Press Correspondence.)

St. Petersburg, Jan. 12.—The invitation of Emperor Nicholas to the Metropolitan Antonius, president of the Holy Synod, to convene an extraordinary church council to consider reforms in the organization of the national church will assemble the first conference of the kind since the patriarshate of Niken in 1654 and the Emperor's determination to call it may signify the restoration of the apostolic control of the Russian Greek church and the downfall of the secular authority and bureaucracy restrictions brought about by Mr. Pobedesteff.

The discussion of the desirability of changes in the church government of Russia was originally begun in a special meeting of the committee of ministers and department presidents of the council of state. Having been informed of it, His Majesty desired that this particular question should be decided exclusively by the Holy Synod. Therefore the resolution written in the Emperor's own hand was "Erase the question from the list of the council and submit it to the consideration of the Holy Synod."

As a result the Holy Synod during its session last March prepared a report concerning reform, which was submitted for the Emperor's consideration.

According to the plan the patriarchs or metropolitan should be the controlling head of the council of bishops and should be responsible for them, while they in turn accept responsibility to represent the districts from which they are appointed and this council of bishops, headed by the metropolitan, invested with certain governing powers, should be the basis form of the church rule.

The report continues: "The Holy Synod proposes to have the synod consist of permanent members together with the members invited by turn from among the prelates of the Russian church and to have it headed by a patriarch, granting to him all the canonical rights of a local metropolitan to call in Moscow, by order of His Imperial Majesty, a local council of all the parochial bishops of the Orthodox Church in Russia, or of their representatives, for the discussion of the following questions:

"The division of Russia into church districts to be governed by metropolitans; the re-examination of the legislation of the existing organizations of parochial government and their reform in accordance with the basis of a general council; the introduction of better order in the parishes with regard to moral and religious conditions; the better administration of places of instruction; the perfecting of ecclesiastical schools; the re-examination of laws under which the church acquires property; the parochial assemblies of the clergy; the granting to higher representatives of the church the right to take part in the sessions of the council of state and the committee of ministers in all cases which concern the interests of the church; the granting to the priests of the right to take part in local councils."

Emperor Nicholas returned the report to the Holy Synod on March 31st, with the following in his hand: "I deem it impossible to accomplish at the present restless time such an important work as the calling of a local council. I propose at a propitious time to set this great work in motion and to call a council of church of all Russians for the purpose of a canonical discussion of the subject of faith and of the church rule."

Awaiting this "propitious time," which reports say will be in the autumn, the then Chief Procurator, M. Pabedonosteff, sent a communication to the Holy Synod setting forth the matter in more detail and expressing by supplication his well known antagonistic views. This recalls the fact that when the venerable procurator found he could not command a majority of the synod, much less a church council, he retired from the field beaten. His aide, Stabler, tried to create the impression that M. Pobedonosteff himself favored the council, but the procurator was really so chagrined at the time it was reported he would resign, what he actually did on October 31st, being succeeded by Prince Alexis Obolensky on November 3rd.

BENEFIT MUSICALE.

Successful Concert Given in Aid of the Seamen's Institute on Thursday Evening.

In accordance with the programme published in the Times a few days ago, the concert—or "Benefit Musicale," as stated on the programme—in aid of the Seamen's Institute, was given in Institute hall on Thursday evening last, when an excellent programme of instrumental and vocal music was rendered before a delighted audience in a manner which did much credit to every performer, each number on the programme being greeted with the heartiest applause and demanding an encore.

The first item on the programme, a "Mazurka de Concert," or piano solo, was taken by G. A. Thompson, who made his first appearance before a Victoria audience on this occasion as a musician, and held his hearers spell-bound for the time being by the brilliancy of his playing, thereby giving unmistakable evidence of his being a musician of no mean order and a welcome acquisition to the musical fraternity of this city. J. G. Brown next delighted the audience with a song, followed by Miss McCoy, who in her charming style also sang very sweetly the song "When the Heart Is Young," after which Jesse Longfield gave a splendid violin solo, when a change was made in the programme by Miss Underhill giving a recitation entitled "Jack" in a manner which delighted all present and which called forth well deserved applause. A violin duet was then given by Miss Nora McCoy and Mr. Longfield, both of whom acquitted themselves most admirably, and who also brought forth well merited and loud applause. Thus, throughout the entire programme of ten numbers, each performer received evident tokens from a delighted audience that their efforts to please and to entertain were highly appreciated. Mrs. Russell Boulton was the able accompanist of the evening and acquitted herself admirably, her pleasing style and rendition at times being most conspicuous.

Much credit and many thanks are due to Miss Erhardt and Mrs. G. W. Thompson, to whose untiring efforts, it appears, is due the fact that the concert was given, and who are to be congratulated on the evening's entertainment having proved so successful.—Com.

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The first meeting of the newly elected aldermanic board was held last evening. Punctually at 8 o'clock Mayor Morley entered the council chamber accompanied by the city clerk, and took his seat, all the aldermen being in their places. Heretofore, the custom has been to hold meetings with closed doors downstairs, and not until all the business had been practically disposed of did the Mayor and aldermen show up in the council chamber to officially verify the programme already adopted. The transactions of the "caucus" were not always made public, and hence many complaints were heard and speculation was rife as to what might be on the tapis. Last night, however, everything was open and above board, and the proceedings were listened to by a goodly number of ratepayers, who now and again applauded the Mayor as His Worship outlined a policy for the different committees.

The business of the council was routine. The chief item was the appointment of committees and the policy suggested by the Mayor for the guidance of each, a full report of which will be found in another column.

A letter was read from the Premier setting forth that no disposition would be made of the Songhees reserve without due consideration of the city's interest.

R. H. Swinerton, secretary of the British Columbia Agricultural Society, wrote asking the council to name its appointees on the board of management.

Received and filed; action deferred.

A letter was read from the solicitor of Mrs. Marr, the proprietress of the Boomerang, asking for a rebate of her license, on the ground that the license was not in operation for the full term for which it was paid.

Referred to city solicitor.

Mrs. Tuck asked that steps be taken to prevent cattle being driven over her property.

The document was marked "received," and no further action taken.

A letter was read from residents of Leighton road complaining of defective sewerage.

Ald. Douglas thought that the engineer should be called upon for an estimate of the work.

Finally the matter was referred to the engineer and the streets committee with power to act.

Mrs. Lee & Sons called attention to a defective road at a point on Johnson street.

A similar petition was received with reference to William street, Victoria West.

The residents of Thompson street complained of flooding, and asking that a sidewalk be laid.

These were referred to the engineer.

The city clerk announced that the annual reports of the several officials had been received, and it was decided to report these to the respective committees.

It was decided to advertise for tenders for the printing of the annual reports.

It was also resolved that the purchasing agent be authorized to advertise for the necessary supplies for the year.

It was agreed that the city assessor make the usual assessment by a date specified.

The annual loan by-law was moved and advanced to its second stage, when the council went into committee of the whole with the Mayor in the chair. It authorized the raising of a sum of $250,000 in anticipation of the revenue of 1906.

The committee rose and reporting the by-law complete, and it was adopted without amendment.

At the suggestion of Ald. Fell the Mayor undertook to have the sanitary officer deal with certain dilapidated buildings in the district bounded by Fort, Broad, Douglas and Broughton streets.

The city solicitor wrote calling attention to certain proposed amendments to the municipal act, and on motion of Ald. Yates the report was deferred until Thursday evening's sitting.

Ald. Fullerton mentioned the fact that it was within the jurisdiction of the council to appoint an independent auditor. He also suggested that Dubois Mason be continued in office until Thursday evening; as his term had practically expired. This was agreed to.

Ald. Stewart said he had been requested by parties living in districts where it was decided by the council several months ago that scavenger service was to be provided, to ask why the order had not been put in force.

The Mayor undertook to have the matter attended to, and the council adjourned to meet again on Thursday evening.

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AT THE PLAYHOUSES.

Louis James Will Appear in "Virginius" on Thursday—The Pollards— McKanlass Merrymakers.

When Shakespeare penned the immortal question "What's in a name?" it is possible that he did not fully realize the complete significance of the words, for a name to an actor or a title to a play is a mighty factor in forecasting success or failure of the person or project. Many people will not go to see an actor because his name is not of sufficient import; other people will not read a book because the title does not appeal to their literary taste. Yet others will condemn a play simply because the name is not in sympathy with their ideas of dramatic art. But when one finds the actor, the subject and the title all in positive accord then the result is almost necessarily assured success. Such has been the case this season with that magnificent actor of "the old school," Louis James, in his favorite and most famous "Virginius"—for here are actor, play and theme in absolute harmony. The playgoing public as well over all but since the days of McCullough there has been no greater Virginius than that of Louis James, and hence it is perhaps that the present season's revival of this James Sheridan Knowles masterpiece has been virtually forced by an insistent public demand—in the same manner that Joseph Jefferson to the day of his retirement was obliged to give the people "Rip Van Winkle," and James O'Neill and Louis Morrison are unable, try as they will, to shelve respectively their "Monte Cristo" and "Faust." The production of "Virginius" that Mr. James gives at the Victoria theatre on Thursday evening is said to be in every way a satisfying one. The piece is appropriately set and costumed, and the supporting company headed by Norman Hackett, a scholarly and capable group of players.

The Pollards.

Next Friday evening the Pollard "kiddies"—who have come to regard Victoria as their British Columbia home—come back to the local theatre for an engagement of five nights and two matinees prior to their return to Australia. It is very unlikely that this city will see the talented little folks again for some time, as their next move is to South Africa, where they go for an extended season after a short rest "at home." This organization of little people, which is the only successful one of its kind in the world, is recruited annually in the city of Melbourne, and contains about forty members. Since it was last seen and heard here a number of new principals and choristers have been added, the larger members of the singing forces disappearing and their places being taken by recruits of from seven to ten. One of these is little Eva Pollard, a niece of the original proprietor, who gives promise of exceptional talent both as an actress and a singer. She is entrusted with the leading roles this season, and will appear in the titular part of "The Runaway Girl," with which the Victoria engagement opens, as well as the Salvation lassie of the "Belle of New York." The sale of seats for the engagement opens at the theatre to-morrow.

Watson Theatre.

The McKanlass Merrymakers were greeted by a well filled house at the Watson theatre last night.

The feature of the bill, W. H. McKanlass, is truly a musical marvel, and was compelled to respond to several encores last night. He was ably assisted in his musical act by Miss Perry, who, by the way, is one of the sweetest singers that has been heard in Victoria for some time; her rendition of the sentimental ballad, "Since Thou Art Mine," being a rare treat to lovers of that class of music. To-night she will sing, by special request, the ballad "For All Eternity."

King and Bailey, the London pickaninnies, are two of the cleverest colored juveniles in the business, their buck and wing dancing excelling anything in that line ever seen on the Coast.

The other acts on the bill are good, those deserving of special mention being: Miss Lulu Walker, in sentimental ballads; Sam. Barbour, comedian; Miss Gertrude Jackson, ragtime shouter and soubrette; Harry Smith, motto singer; and the closing act, the Merrymakers' Trio, who introduce songs and musical numbers.

The Merrymakers will remain here one week, with the usual matinees and Watson theatre prices.

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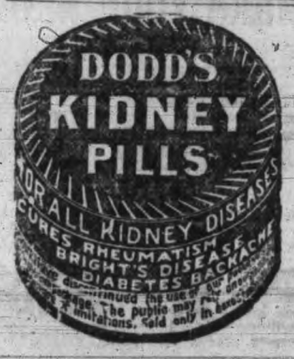

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE

ANOTHER SHORTAGE OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Brief Sitting Resulted—John Houston Speaks—Assessment Act Amendments Introduced in the House.

Victoria, Jan. 22nd, 1906.

The legislature met for a few minutes this afternoon. The failure of the government to supply business necessitated an adjournment at a very early hour. Members are beginning to wonder why the House has been called together as there are no government bills in sight. The attorney-general brought in his Consolidated Municipal Clauses bill this afternoon. It has few amendments incorporated, none of the proposed changes make any vital alteration in the act, the introduction says. In committee the bill will likely provoke some considerable discussion.

The proposed amendments to the Assessment Act were also introduced today. This bill purposes the following tax on real property:

"Three-fifths of one per cent. upon real property, other than wild land, coal or timber land, of any person in an assessment district where the aggregate assessed values of the whole of his real property, other than wild land, coal or timber land, in such assessment district does not exceed two thousand dollars; and one per cent. where the aggregate assessed value of the real property of any person in an assessment district other than wild land, coal or timber land, exceeds two thousand dollars."

Under the act as amended last year the tax on real property was fixed at three-fifths of one per cent. upon real estate of the assessed value of two thousand dollars, or under, and one per cent. upon the assessed value of all real estate over the assessed value of two thousand dollars, other than wild land, coal land and timber land. The effect of the amendment is to make it clear that where several pieces of property are owned by the same person in an assessment district that the rate shall be fixed according to the total value and not individually upon each piece of property.

Under income tax the act is proposed to be amended by making it clear that the total income is to be assessed at a fixed rate. It was held under the old act that the rate should be collected at a fluctuating rate. An income of $10,000 would, according to that, be assessed at the following rates for the first two thousand dollars 1½ per cent., 1¾ per cent. for the amount from $2,000 to $3,000; 2 per cent. for the part from $3,000 to $4,000, and 3 per cent. on that up to $7,000; and 4 per cent. on the remainder.

It is made clear in the amendment that 3 per cent. is to be collected on the whole $10,000. The section as amended reads as follows:

"On the taxable income of each person, when the amount thereof is ascertained under either of the following classes, the rates shall be as set forth in the respective classes, namely:

"Class A.—When the taxable amount of income of each person does not exceed two thousand dollars, upon all taxable income up to and including two thousand dollars, one and one-half per cent.;

"Class B.—When the taxable amount of income of each person exceeds two thousand dollars, and does not exceed three thousand dollars, upon all taxable income up to and including three thousand dollars, one and three-quarters per cent.;

"Class C.—When the taxable amount of income of each person exceeds three thousand dollars and does not exceed four thousand dollars, upon all taxable income up to and including four thousand dollars, two per cent.;

"Class D.—When the taxable amount of income of each person exceeds four thousand dollars and does not exceed seven thousand dollars, upon all taxable income up to and including seven thousand dollars, three per cent.;

"Class E.—When the taxable amount of income of each person exceeds seven thousand dollars, upon all taxable income, four per cent."

Another amendment applies to the sale of unworked crown granted mineral and placer claims. If a bidder is not obtained at the sale for the amount due in taxes then the claim reverts to the crown, not absolutely as in the present act, but subject to redemption for twelve months by the paying of the amount due. In the meantime the claim cannot be pre-empted nor located.

The following section has been inserted as a new section to take the place of a repealed section last year:

"If the minister of finance should deem it advisable to expose for sale during the year 1906 all lots in townsites, villas or other small subdivisions of property for the taxes delinquent thereon, and which he has hitherto withheld from the annual tax sale, he may, before the date fixed for advertising such public auction, agree to accept from the owners of such property a sum less than the total amount due, in full settlement thereof, upon satisfactory proof being made to him that the owner is unable to pay the full amount due, or that the amount due is greater than could be realized by the owner by sale of the property. If the sum agreed to be accepted by the minister of finance is not paid before the date fixed for advertising said public auction, the said property may then be exposed for sale at such public auction, and in the event of the minister of finance agreeing to accept less than the amount due, he may instruct the collector to receive the same and issue receipt therefor."

The forefeiture to the crown of lands which at a tax sale is fixed at twelve months instead of six months, as is the rule under the existing act.

The bill introduced by J. H. Hawthornthwaite to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act has been allowed to stand by consent so that any suggestions may be received and the full amendments to the act may be brought in the one bill.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite's amendment provided that a candidate for a certificate of competency as manager, overman, shiftboss, fireboss, or shotlighter, shall produce a certificate from a duly qualified doctor showing that he has taken a course in ambulance work fitting him, the said candidate, to give first aid to men injured in coal mining operations"; and that the 'owner' shall provide one good and sufficient 'ambulance box' in every mine for each one hundred men employed therein."

Prayers were read by Rev. Dr. Campbell.

Petitions.

The following petitions were presented:

By A. H. B. Macgowan—From L. W. Shatford, for leave to introduce a private bill to incorporate the Southern Okanagan Railway Company.

By C. W. Clifford—From R. V. Bodwell and others, for leave to introduce a private bill to incorporate the Copper River and Telkwa Railway Company.

By Price Ellison—From James Ritchie and others, for leave to introduce a private bill to incorporate the British Columbia Central Railway Company.

By Price Ellison—From the Midway & Vernon Railway Company, for leave to introduce a private bill to amend its corporate act.

By J. H. Hawthornthwaite — From Harry Bennett and many others, re game preservation and game licenses, asking that no game license be imposed; that there be no prohibition against Sunday shooting, and that no game preserve be allowed on the E. & N. land belt.

By W. Manson—From R. L. Paterson and others, for leave to introduce a private bill to confirm to the British Columbia Northern & Mackenzie Valley Railway Company certain rights granted by the B. C. & Yukon Railway Company Act, 1903.

The following petitions were read and received:

From the City of Vancouver, for a private bill to amend the "False Creek Foreshore Act, 1904" and a private bill to amend the "Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900."

From E. L. Drewry, H. Crewe and Conrad G. Riley, for leave to introduce a private bill to incorporate the Ashcroft & Cariboo Railway Company.

From J. A. Mara et al, for leave to introduce a private bill to incorporate the Canada Plate Glass Company.

From E. C. Bagshawe and others, for leave to introduce a private bill to incorporate the Cowichan-Alberni Railway Company.

From the Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting & Power Company, for leave to introduce a private bill to amend its corporate act.

From W. A. Anderson and others, for leave to introduce a private bill to incorporate the Kamloops & Yellowhead Pass Railway Company.

From the Pacific Coast Fire Insurance Company, for leave to introduce a private bill to amend its corporate Act.

From John Breckenridge and others, for leave to introduce a private bill to incorporate the St. Mary's and Cherry Creek Railway Company.

From the Union Steamship Company, for leave to introduce a private bill to amend its corporate act.

Price Ellison wanted to have the petitions received, as this was the last day for their reception.

The Speaker thought this could not be done, but was of the opinion that it would be in order to receive them the following day.

Premier McBride moved that the House adjourn for fifteen minutes in order to allow the private bills committee to meet.

The motion carried and the House adjourned.

Extension of Time.

Upon resuming Dr. Young reported for the committee, recommending that the time limit for the presentation of petitions for private bills be extended until January 26th, 1906; that the time limited for the presentation of private bills be extended until the 1st of February, and that the time limited for the presentation of reports be extended until the 8th of February, and beg to recommend the same accordingly.

The report was adopted.

John Houston, who was in his place for the first time this session, rising, said that in the absence of the only member of the government whose ear he had (Hon. T. J. Fulton) he must move the motion he was about to make himself.

Mr. Houston Speaks.

He said that he was chairman of a most important committee. It must be important because it was the only committee he was on. This was the printing committee. He asked that the House adjourn for two hours in order to decide whether the speeches which were intended to have been delivered last week by John Oliver and W. J. Bowser, but which were not delivered, should be printed.

Sitting down, Mr. Houston asked, "Am I overruled, Mr. Speaker?" (Laughter.)

"I'm afraid so," returned the Speaker.

New Bills.

The following bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. C. Wilson, a bill intituled an act to consolidate and amend the Municipal Clauses Act and amending acts.

Resolution.

R. L. Drury moved the following resolution:

"That an order of the House be granted for a return showing the number of timber leases granted during the year 1905 on Vancouver Island, with the names of the lessees, the area leased, and the amount of bonus paid in each case."

The resolution carried.

Questions and Answers.

W. J. Bowser asked the chief commissioner of lands and works the following question:

Has the government had any correspondence since they took office with the authorities at Ottawa in relation to the granting of a lease at Stanley Park at Vancouver?

Hon. R. Green replied as follows: "Yes."

J. Murphy asked the premier the following questions:

1. Is Mr. J. P. Babcock in the employ of the government?

2. If so, what remuneration does he receive?

3. Did the government give permission to Mr. Babcock to act as a member of the Dominion fisheries commission?

4. How long has the fish hatchery at Seton lake been in operation?

5. How many salmon eggs have been placed in this hatchery each year?

6. How many young salmon have been released from this hatchery each year?

7. How many men have been employed at this hatchery this season?

8. Were men employed by Mr. Babcock this season to prevent Indians taking fish in the vicinity of the spawning grounds?

Hon. R. McBride replied as follows:

"1. Yes.

"2. $3,000 per year.

"3. Yes.

"4. Since July, 1903.

"5. 1903, 2,068,000; 1904, 4,852,000; 1905, 45,650,000.

"6. 1903, 1,654,000; 1904, 4,800,000; 1905, 40,000,000. The season's operations not being completed, this is only a safe estimate.

"7. July, 19; August, 21; September, 66; October, 52; November, 22; December, 12.

"8. Day and night watchmen were employed to protect the fish held in the retaining weirs, who were instructed by Mr. Babcock not to permit anyone to remove unspawned fish."

Supply to His Majesty.

On the motion of the minister of finance, seconded by the premier, it was resolved:

"That a supply be granted to His Majesty, and that this House do resolve itself into a committee of the whole on Wednesday next to consider the resolution."

Third Reading.

The bill to amend the General Trusts Corporation Act, 1905, was read a third time.

Report Adopted.

The report on the bill respecting the County Court of Atlin was adopted.

Small Debts Act.

On the second reading of the bill to amend the Small Debts Act the attorney-general explained that the bill was intended only to right a mistake made in an amendment at a former time where the wrong section was referred to as amended.

The bill passed its second reading.

Postponed.

J. H. Hawthornthwaite suggested that the adjourned debate on the second reading of the bill to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act should be postponed in order to allow other amendments to be incorporated in the bill.

The premier assented to this and the bill was passed over.

Cattle Guards.

The adjourned debate came up on the motion moved by J. H. Oliver on the 17th January, as follows:

"That an order of the House be granted for a return of copies of all correspondence between the government, or any member thereof, and any other person relative to alleged defective cattle guards along the line of the New Westminster Southern Railway."

The attorney-general said that every effort had been made by his department and that of the land and works to induce the company to put up effective cattle guards.

A way in which these laws could be enforced would be in appealing to the courts on the part of persons who were aggrieved. He did not favor too much paternal government. He did not favor the introduction of the principle that whenever required the state should be called upon to take action.

T. W. Paterson asked if this railway was operated under the Dominion act, being declared a railway for the general advantage of Canada.

The attorney-general said that he did not think it came under that class.

The chief commissioner of lands and works said that he thought application was being made to declare it a road for the general advantage of Canada.

Mr. Paterson said that as a railway which touched the international boundary line it must have been declared for the general advantage of Canada. If that were true no cattle could lawfully run within ten miles of any crossing.

The attorney-general said that if this were true the province had no jurisdiction in the matter.

The resolution passed.

Assessment Act Amendment.

By message of His Honor the Lieut.-Governor a bill was introduced to amend the Assessment Act, 1903, the features of which are given above.

The House then adjourned.

Notices of Motion.

Hon. Mr. Wilson to move, upon consideration of the report on the bill intituled "An Act to amend the Companies Act by providing for the Registration of Companies' Mortgages," to add the following as section 6:

"6. Whenever, in any act, the act hereby repealed is referred to or cited, then the words 'An Act to provide for the Registration of Companies' Mortgages' shall be struck out, and in lieu thereof shall be inserted the title of this act."

Stuart Henderson to move, in committee of the whole and on report on the bill intituled "An Act to render ineligible as Members of the Legislative Assembly persons accepting or holding offices, contracts or employment under the Dominion Government," to add three clauses, as follows:

"11. This act shall not apply to any person, unless otherwise disqualified—

"(a.) Who receives a salary, fee, commission, wages, emolument or allowance not exceeding one hundred dollars per annum;

"(b.) Who is surety merely to any public officer;

"(c.) Who loans, advances money on, purchases or pays for any of the securities, public stock or debentures of Canada created by Act of Parliament of Canada.

"12. No person shall be liable to any forfeiture or penalty imposed by this act unless proceedings are taken for the recovery thereof within twelve months after such penalty has been incurred.

"13. This act shall not come into force until the dissolution of the present parliament."

Mr. Henderson to move, in committee of the whole and on report on the bill intituled "An Act to declare the Law with respect to Ancient Lights," that sections two and three of said act be struck out, and the following inserted in lieu thereof:

"2. No person shall acquire a right by prescription to the access and use of light to or for any dwelling house, workshop or other building; but this section shall not apply to any such right which has been acquired by twenty years' use before the passing of this act, nor affect the rights of the parties to any proceeding now pending in which such question has arisen before the passing of this act."

Parker Williams to move, in committee of the whole on the bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Small Debts Act,'" to add the following new section:

"3. Section five of the said chapter 15 of the statutes of 1901 is hereby amended by adding thereto at the end thereof the following words: Provided always, that this section shall not apply to any debt due, or accruing due, to a mechanic, workman, laborer, servant, clerk or employee for or in respect of wages or salaries."

By W. J. Bowser—On Wednesday next—"That an order of the House be granted for a return of copies of all correspondence between this government and the government at Ottawa, in relation to the granting of a lease of Stanley Park at Vancouver."

Questions.

J. F. Garden, on Wednesday next, will ask the chief commissioner of lands and works: Is it the intention of the government to construct roads through Lot 540, in order to open up the land towards Point Grey for sale and settlement?

Alderman Ekers and Mr. W. E. Doran were nominated on Saturday for the mayoralty of Montreal. Fifteen aldermen have been elected by acclamation. Twenty-five others will have to fight for seats.

WHAT MAKES JOHNNY HUSTLE.

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Till brother comes to bang my door.

For fifteen minutes more I lie,
Waiting for my sister's cry:—
"John-ne-e-e-e!"
Then dad barks out, but I keep still,
And on and on I snooze until
I can hear the coffee mill.

Oh, how good that coffee smells!
Talk about your breakfast bells,
For Johnny!
Quick I slip my panties on,
You can always look for John
'Fore that Chase & Sanborn's gone.

Guess I'm lazy! Pa says so.
Ma says, "So tormented slow
Is Johnny!"
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Johnny for the coffee pot,
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THE WAYS OF COMBINES.

In Canada certain trusts and combinations are receiving their meed of attention and recognition at the hands of the law. In the United States there is considerable talk about the doings of corporations, and that is as far as the matter has gone. To be sure Congress is in session and the President has expressed his opinions respecting grafters, so we must wait and see what happens. But in the meantime it is interesting to note that the plutocracy is not having its own way entirely in the matter of fixing things up for its ease and comfort. A dispatch from Chicago says that in certain aristocratic suburbs of the prairie city the Washerwoman's Union has sent a fresh wave of horror coursing through the veins of the housewife. The union's members have decreed that they shall ride to and from their places of employment in their employers' carriages. Women of silks and sealskins at first offered feeble protest, but they now are vieing with each other in transporting the washerwomen in the greatest luxury. "Auntie" Dinah Zimmerman is credited with forming the combine in restraint of trade. "Y's, sah," she said, "I 'spect you done heard de truth 'bout dis kerridge business, sho's you's alive. I ain't gwine to drag dese heah old feet o' mine through no mo' snowdrift's, an' I ain't gwine to fall down kerslap on no mo' icy sidewalks. If de rich folks cain't send de kerridges, den Aunt Dinah done stay where she am." While she talked one of Aunt Dinah's customers drove to the door and was informed that "Auntie" would be pleased to perform the laundry work the next day if the "kerridge" would call at 8 o'clock sharp.

JOKES AND JOKERS.

There is nothing sadder than American humor, meaning by American that which originates in the United States. Our neighbors are sure of nothing quite as much as of their right to be considered the only really humorous people in the world. As a matter of fact they sometimes mistake exaggeration for wit and vulgarity for brilliancy. An American cartoon is usually an abomination to the eye and an insult to the understanding. This was not true when Thomas Nast wielded the pencil with such tremendous power, but it is true to-day. Take, for example, the leading humorous papers of New York, Judge and Puck. Examine their political cartoons and see how rarely there is really an idea in them. Imagine them printed in black and white, and judge how weak they would then appear, as a general rule. The social cartoons are worse. They represent people who do not live anywhere, and hence have no inherent force. Even Charles Dana Gibson, whose tall women and young men with chins all look as if they were cut out of wood, seems to have lost the delicate conception of humor which marked his earlier work, while Otto Cushing, who is rarely content with less than half a newspaper page, has given himself up to the study of anatomy, and seems to be fully satisfied if he can pile bulging muscles upon a man or get a sufficiently disdainful nose upon a slab-sided young woman. As for the legends which accompany the alleged humorous pictures, they read like the ramblings of a mind in an advanced stage of paresis. By no possible chance do they bear the least relation to anything suggested by the pictures. As for the illustrated "jokes," they only differ from the others in not having pictures printed above them. Having a due regard to the sex of the persons depicted in the drawings, there is no reason why any so-called joke might not be printed with any picture, or why it should not be printed without one.

Canada does not yet produce many printed jokes. We are too primitive in our way of living. Plenty of funny things are said, but as a rule they depend so much upon their environment that they will not bear transplanting into print. There was a time when the United States had real humorists. They were evolved under the strain of the War of Secession and the pioneer life of the West.

For real humor, the subtle, delicate kind which amuses without giving offence, you must go to the United Kingdom and Germany. French humor is too satirical to be enjoyable. It would be interesting to know what the Russian idea of humor is. After all has been said and written perhaps the best humor, taking one week or one year with another, is to be found in Punch. It is the fun of the cultivated and leisure classes. It is not chopped out with an axe or laid on with a trowel.

SCHOOL EXPENSES.

Electors at Cowichan Station Protest Against Method of Raising Funds.

A meeting was held at the school house at Cowichan Station on Friday to discuss the best method of raising funds for the incidental expenses of the school. Those present were: Messrs. J. McPherson, R. Colvin, May, Patterson, E. Forrest, Daniells, L. Norie, Frumento, Ford, Doupe, Mowbray, Louper and Howey.

The meeting being called to order, it was proposed by Mr. Patterson, seconded by Mr. E. Forrest, that Mr. McPherson be chairman. Carried.

Mr. Patterson, after reading from the circular issued by the Education Department, pointed out that the funds for the incidental expenses must be raised by voluntary subscription, any other method being unconstitutional. He thought that since $34 could be raised for a Christmas tree, surely $40 could be for incidental expenses.

Mr. Daniells wished to know how long the school could be conducted without funds.

Mr. McPherson replied that funds were needed at the present time to pay for the repairing of the pump in the school yard. He pointed out that the new School Act was bound to be amended in time, but that meanwhile funds should be raised. He suggested a method proposed to him by a lawyer in Victoria, viz., 10 cents per month should be paid by the parents for each of their children attending school.

Mr. Forrest stated that, owing to the present heavy rate of taxation, he would not pay anything towards the incidental expenses unless he were compelled to.

It was proposed by Mr. Patterson, seconded by Mr. Daniells, that the trustees open a subscription list.

Mr. Forrest moved an amendment that, owing to the present excessive rate of taxation in the district (in some cases the increase within the last two years being 100 per cent.), the electors do not feel that they should be called upon to raise funds, for the incidental expenses of Cowichan school, and request the secretary of the board of trustees to send a copy of this resolution to the member for the district.

This amendment was seconded by Mr. Howey and carried unanimously.

Moved by Mr. Daniells, seconded by Mr. Frumento, that a copy of this resolution be also sent to the superintendent of education.

After votes of thanks to the chairman and the secretary, the meeting adjourned.

AT THE END.

Duncan Campbell Scott.

I have learned well—a child I've grown by knowing;
I have taught well—I know not why;
A few have garnered well my careless sowing,
And one sound kernel fills the granary.

I have fought well—have turned and dared disaster;
I've been well vanquished—and I know not why;
Well have I suffered, and called no man master,
But have wrought sleepless for the mastery.

I have loved well—and that's the best of living;
I've been well loved—I know not why;
But, O, the rapture of the giving!
And of the taking—the wild ecstasy!

"I boast too well," you say, "a noisy scandal,
Vexing the hearing of the scornful gods."
But life—yes, life, was worth the candle,
So what's the odds?

He that cowers now is not the less a varlet;
I know all brave them well—I know not why;
Toss me my proudest cloak of green and scarlet,
Fellows—old friends—good-bye.

SHE PROMPTED THE COLT.

Some time ago, on the island of Nantucket, while one Nathaniel Worth was showing his mare and colt to his son, who was visiting him, the colt suddenly kicked him, whereupon he began to belabor the mare, relates the Boston Herald.

"Why, father," exclaimed his son, "the colt kicked you, not the mare."

"I know it," was the reply, "but didn't you see her give him the wink?"

ADVENTURE OF A SHIP'S CAT.

Melbourne Argus.

The ship's cat of the mail steamer Ortona had a remarkable experience on the last homeward voyage of that vessel.

Soon after the Ortona left Australia the cat was missing, and it was thought that it had been left behind; but when the vessel was thirty-two days out from Sydney, one of the engineers heard a faint mewing in the refrigerating chamber. This chamber, which had not been opened since the vessel started, was promptly examined, and the unfortunate cat was found lying upon a box of butter in a very emaciated condition.

One of its ears and a portion of its nose had been bitten off by the cold, but its fur had grown to a great length during its imprisonment. The cat has since recovered.

THE JOLLY CANADIAN WINTER.

Ottawa Citizen.

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Boys' and Girls' Own Annuals
To-day, $1.25 each.

70 Dozen Linen Towels
(340 Towels.)
Various kinds; regular 25c. Wednesday, 17c.
50 dozen Linen Towels, fringe ends; regular 35c. and 40c. Wednesday, 25c.
White Turkish Towels. Special, 20c.
Brown Linen Towels. Special, 20c.

12 Black Voile Skirts
On Sale Wednesday at $3.90 (materials and trimming with every skirt); values $6.50, $7.50 and $8.50.

Women's Natural Wool Ribbed Drawers
Regular $1.25. January Sale Price, 65c.

Girls' Pink and White Flannelette Gowns
Wednesday, 50c. each. Ages 10 to 14 years.

2 in 1 Shoe Polish
Regular 10c. a tin. Wednesday, 3 tins for 10c.
(1,000 Tins.)

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Trimmed Hats at 58c., $1.00 and $2.50 each.
Ornaments in Paste and Steel, 10c. each.
Fancy Wings and Feathers, 10c.

Women's Zenith Brand Underwear
White and Natural Shirts and Drawers, all sizes, 90c., or $1.80 per suit. On Sale To-day.

Women's Puritan Underwear
Shirts and Drawers. To-day, 25c. and 35c. garments.

Pens
Bank of England, Bank of Montreal and Falcon. To-day, 25c. per box of 12 dozen.

Mrs. Beeton's Book of Household Management
(Half leather bound), with colored Plate Illustrations, $2.00 each.

Mrs. Beeton's Cookery Book
(Cloth bound), 25c. each.

Spencer's Oatmeal Soap
To-day, 50c. dozen.

Writing Pads
To-day, 5c. each.
Holland Linen, 40 sheets with blotter.
Falstaff, 40 sheets with blotter.
Rosaline, 40 sheets with blotter.

Note Paper and Envelopes To-Day
Cosrian. January Sale Price, 15c. box.
Caxtona. January Sale Price, 15c. box.
Vellum. January Sale Price, 15c. box.

Women's Natural Wool Drawers
ON SALE TO-DAY.
50 pairs, all sizes; regular $1.25. January Sale Price, 75c.

Girls' Raincoats
(All Sizes.)
Colors: Fawns, Greens and Greys.
6 each $5.00.
1 each $4.75.
2 each $5.50.
3 each $6.50.
2 each $7.50.
1 each $7.00.
Wednesday, $2.50 Each.

A Few More Days to Procure Wonderful Values in the January Shoe Sale

Every pair of Shoes that we intend to clear out to go on the bargain tables this week.

Men's Whole Foxed Box Calf Bals. and Bluchers. January Sale Price $2.50
Men's Heavy Weight Bals. in Velour Calf. January Sale Price $2.50
Men's Medium Weight Vici Bals., Heavy Soles. January Sale Price $2.50
Only a few pairs left of the Scotch Waterproof Shoes. January Sale Price $3.90
300 pairs only of Women's Shoes. January Sale Price $2.50

CONSUME YOUR OWN SMOKE.

Dr. William Osler.

The atmosphere is darkened with the whimpering of men and women over the non-essentials, the trifles that are inevitably incident to the hurly-burly of the day's routine. Things cannot always go your way. Learn to accept in silence the minor aggravations, cultivate the gift of taciturnity, and consume your own smoke with an extra draft of hard work, so that those about you may not be annoyed with the dust and soot of your complaints.

A SUGGESTION.

Detroit Free Press.

"I'd like to remark," said Uncle Hiram, "that this world would be a whole lot happier if people would buy grapes and jelly for the sick with the money they usually spend on flowers afterwards."

GOOD ANCIENT ADVICE.

Accustom early in your youth
To lay embargo on your mouth,
And let no rarities invite
To pal and glut the appetite;
But check it, and in time give o'er,
With a desire for eating more;
For where one dies of inanition
A thousand perish from depletion.
To miss a meal sometimes 'tis good—
'Twill purify and cleanse the blood,
Give Nature time to clear her streets
Of filth, and crudities of meats;
For too much meat the bowels fur,
And fasting's Nature's scavenger.

PERPETUAL MOTION.

As Solved by an Up-to-Date Philosopher.

Rags make paper. Paper makes money. Money makes banks. Banks make loans. Loans make poverty. Poverty makes rags. Rags make—well, just keep on repeating the above.

QUEENSLAND MANNERS AND CUSTOMS.

In Queensland the bath is not only a luxury, but a necessity, and every dwelling is provided accordingly, although the arrangements in the back country are primitive. Two ladies had travelled to a remote station, and arrived hot, tired and dirty. The mistress of the house chancing to be absent, the master good-naturedly asked them if they would not like a bath. They were only too glad. In due time one was shown into the bath room, where there was only a shower. When ready for the bath she looked vainly around for the string, and was gazing about her in perplexity when she heard a gruff voice overhead exclaim: "A little more to the left, mum, or I'll miss you," and the bucketful, neatly overturned, stifled her shriek as she fled.

THE RULES OF THE ROAD.

To Be Committed to Memory.

The rules of the road are a paradox quite:
When riding or driving along,
If you keep to the left you are sure to go right,
If you keep to the right you go wrong.

In walking the streets 'tis a different case,
To the right it is right you should bear,
And leave enough space on the opposite side
For the passengers you may meet there.

A Puzzle for a Foreigner Learning English.—Did you ever see a person pare an apple or a pear with a pair of scissors?

SUPERFINE ENGLISH.

Juvenile, extricate that quadruped from the vehicle; stabulate him, devote to him an adequate supply of nutritious aliment, and when the aurora of morn shall illuminate the Oriental horizon I will award you a pecuniary compensation for your amiable hospitality. And the juvenile answered: How! Which!

G. T. B.

FASHIONS IN HEELS.

The smart boot and shoe makers of to-day are giving their women clients celluloid heels, which are found to be very light in weight and comfortable in wear. The celluloid is applied over wood to hollow heels of evry shape.

The Louis Quinze heel that is chosen by some women is made all in one with the sole of the shoe. It has a very narrow "waist," and throws the weight of the walker on to her toes, thereby straining her spine and making pedestrianism a truly wearisome affair. For the boudoir and the drawing-room it is an elegant choice, but for the promenade it is not recommended.

The French Louis Quinze fashion has been discarded lately in favor of a more square-looking and sensible English heel.—London Mail.

THE ROMANCE OF MINING.

Properly considered, the romance of mining is the romance of civilization, the romance of the human race. The struggle on the Transvaal reefs to-day is only the struggle of Zimbabwe some thousands of years removed, and the same is true of silver, iron, copper and diamonds. Even in the Stone Age men discovered gold, the earliest metal, and finding it useless for weapons, turned it into ornaments. Japan has fully recognized the value of the earth's mineral wealth, and since her abandonment of the policy of isolation she has taken full advantage of Western ideas in mining, with the result that to-day she produces in copper alone 30,000 tons per annum out of the world's output of 525,000 tons. At Ashio, near Nikko, copper mines may be seen equipped with reverberating furnaces, electric light and cars, a 30-mile railway and a three-mile cableway over the mountains for transporting ingots and fuel. —Pall Mall Gazette.

CAGED LIONS FIGHT.

Two Animals Killed in Combat of Jealousy.

The demon of jealousy was responsible for an exciting scene in the lions' cage at a menagerie at Belfast.

For a long time two magnificent lions, Duke and Duchess, which were christened when cubs by the Princess Royal in Edinburgh, have occupied adjoining cages. One evening, however, Duchess was removed and in her cage a South African lion and lioness were placed.

This roused the ire of Duke, the largest lion in captivity, and about four o'clock in the morning he commenced to demolish the partition. He soon tore it into splinters, and at once attacked the lion.

Duke made short work of his antagonist, and before anything could be done had laid open his flank, and torn out his windpipe. The attendants obtained pitchforks, and tried to put a stop to the encounter, but without success.

Seeing that his opponent was dead, Duke attacked the lioness, and in a few moments she lay dead beside her mate, with a gaping wound in the throat. The victor then returned to his cage, and throughout the day showed no symptoms of any unusual excitement. The value of the animals destroyed is said to be £400.

PROPHETIC NOVEL.

"Allan Quartermain's" Hidden River Has Been Found.

A discovery of romantic literary interest has been made by A. T. Angell in British East Africa.

While engaged in the survey of Lake Naivasha and its caves he found the hitherto unknown outlet of this fresh water lake into a large subterranean river. Lake Naivasha lies about one hundred miles east of Lake Victoria Nyanza, and is at an altitude of 6,000 feet.

Readers of Mr. Rider Haggard's story "Allan Quartermain" will at once recognize the locality. Naivasha is the lake with the marvellous caves which is described in the chapters which narrate the hero's plunge into the unknown in search for the mysterious white race. The gruesome incident by which the caves were discovered will be remembered—how the native servant Wakwafi dived into the lake and was "sucked with frightful rapidity" through the arch that gave entrance to the mysterious river, and how his corpse followed the canoe throughout its subterranean passage.

LEOPARD SKINS FOR COATS.

The leopard is the latest of savage animals to contribute to the wardrobes of women, and its pelt is now being used to make smart feminine motor-coats, says a London exchange.

This fur is not only conspicuous, but becoming, and is an ideal motor wrap, as its short hair does not harbor or show the dust.

Women are this winter carrying umbrellas, the handles of which are covered with rhinocerous hide and with pigskin. The latter is smarter than rhinocerous and much prettier. Of a light creamy shade, it has earned its great popularity on account of the neatness with which it can be stretched and stitched over a light-weight handle.

One of the questions asked at a Bristol school examination was: "What is a prophet?" One of the answers was: "A man that's put in a fiery furnace, and he won't burn."

A Serious Question.

A persistent bad cold will run into consumption unless it is relieved in time. So it is with the little daily wants of the people—they grow serious if not promptly filled. You can afford, for instance, to have that house tenantless for a little while, but when it continues tenantless month month it becomes a serious matter. The timely "want" ad. ends the trouble.

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—Lecture.—Mrs. G. Templar will deliver a very instructive lecture entitled "Around the Mediterranean," illustrated by 100 stereopticon views, in the Centennial Methodist church on Wednesday evening, 24th inst., beginning at 8 o'clock. Admission, 25c.; children, 10c.

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—Whatever difference of opinion there may be in regard to the Blair system of drawing, on one point the public is unanimous—that Blair's photos are the most artistic in town.

—The usual rehearsal of the Margherita Mandolin Club will take place this evening at 8 o'clock in the auditorium of the Y. M. C. A. All members are urgently requested to attend.

—Victoria Hive, No. 1, Ladies of the Maccabees, will hold its regular review to-night at 8 o'clock sharp in the A. O. U. W. hall. All officers and members are requested to attend as important business is to be transacted.

—A meeting of the W. C. T. U. was held yesterday when plans for a pound party to be held on Thursday, February 1st, were discussed. A number of reports were read at the meeting yesterday, which proved of a very satisfactory character.

—Last night in James Bay Methodist church Rev. Dr. Reid gave a very impressing address. To-night the local preachers association will have charge of the service. There will be special singing and a good time is expected. All are invited.

—Paul Johnson, M. E., manger of the Alaska Smelting & Refining Company, has returned from a visit to Crofton, where he superintended the sampling of some 500 tons of copper matte. He reported, before returning to the Sound, that it sampled 50 per cent. copper, and was valued at roughly $100,000. This came down on the Henrietta a short time ago consigned to the Britannia smelter.

—Officer of Alexandra lodge, No. 116, Sons of England, were recently installed by District Deputy Bro. E. Haynes, as follows: Past president, Bro. W. P. Allen; president, Bro. Geo. Jay; vice-president, Bro. Nute; chaplain, Bro. Bull, sr.; secretary, Bro. Jas. Critchley; treasurer, Bro. Dingdale; 1st committee man, Bro. Davis; 2nd committeeman, Bro. Farmer; 3rd committee man, Bro. Webb; 4th committee man, Bro. Clarke; 5th committee man, Bro. Emery; 6th committee man, Bro. Bull, jr.; inside guard, Bro. Millett; surgeon, Bro. Dr. Stainer; auditors, Bros. Lewis Hall, Lettice and Seymour O'Dell; trustees, Bros. L. Goodacre and Richard Hall; advisory board, Juvenile branch, Bros. Jay, Nute, Allen, Petch and Bull.

—The ladies of Queen Alexandra Hive, Ladies of the Maccabees, held a meeting last evening, when the following officers were installed: P. L. C., Mrs. H. Rogers; L. C., Mrs. F. Andrews; L. L. C., Mrs. H. Brown; L. C., Mrs. Cowper; L. R. R., Mrs. C. Lawson; L. M. A., Miss E. I. Armstrong; L. S., Miss Reynard; L. S., Mrs. C. Watson; L. P., Mrs. (Dr.) Cleland. Regret was expressed by the hive that Deputy Mrs. Spofford is severing her official connection with the order, and the record keeper was instructed to convey to the Supreme Hive its appreciation of Mrs. Spofford's indefatigable efforts in behalf of the work, and the growth of the order under her direction. Mrs. Clyde and Mrs. Watson had charge of the entertainment which followed.

—To-night the First Presbyterian church choir will give their eighteenth annual Burns concert in the schoolroom of the church, Blanchard street. Some of the best talent, vocal and instrumental, in British Columbia will assist, including the well-known contralto, Miss Brenton, from Vancouver, and Allan Bremner, tenor, late of Kamloops, and such well-known artists as Mrs. Moresby, Mrs. Gregson, Miss R. L. Wilson, Miss M. Wilson, Miss Howell, Miss Hill and Messrs. Kinnard, Gordon, Lartigan, A. L. Brownlee, W. M. Allan and J. G. Brown. Miss Hill is justly celebrated for her graceful dancing of Highland flings, shean trews, etc.; Mr. Allan is without a peer in the realm of humorous Scotch recitations, and Mr. Brown is hard to beat in humorous Scotch songs. The choir also have earned a reputation in the past year for their singing of the beautiful Scottish part songs. They will also take part on the programme. Mrs. Lewis Hall, the organizer of the church, will be in charge of the accompaniments. Doors open at 7.15, concert at 8 p. m. prompt. A word to the wise is sufficient; those intending to be present should go early and secure seats, as indications point to a crowded house.

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$1,800.00—Six roomed 1½ story house, David street, modern conveniences.
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$1,800.00—Eight roomed 2 story house, Chatham street, modern conveniences.
$2,000.00—Six roomed 2 story house, Beechy, modern, easy terms.
$1,200.00—Eight roomed 2 story house and 1½ lots, N. Pembroke street.
$2,300.00—N. Park street, lovely home and grounds; cheap.
$1,800.00—Modern cottage and good lot, N. Park street, terms.
$1,550.00—Five roomed cottage, all conveniences.
$1,800.00—Two good houses and lot, Michigan street, modern conveniences; terms, $300 cash, balance on time at low rate of interest.
$1,050.00—Will buy 1¼ acres and 3 roomed house, barn and chicken houses, near city.
$3,000.00—Only, for six acres of cleared land at Foul Bay.
$3,000.00—Glenford avenue, all cleared, and 8 roomed house.
$2,750.00—Lake District, 2½ acres and 5 roomed cottage, splendid orchard and every requisite for small ranching.
$1,500.00—Ten acres, good land, near Royal Oak; 70 fruit trees, all bearing, 4 chicken houses, small cottage, etc., etc.
$1,200.00—Only, for 139 acres on Salt Spring Island, good orchard of 150 trees, good outbuildings.

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11 TROUNCE AVENUE **LEE & FRASER** VICTORIA B. C.

—The usual social dance will be held in Semple's hall next Friday.

—Market Supt. Johnson is again on the sick list. He is confined to his bed with a severe cold. The weigh bridge is in charge of one of the firemen.

—William Reid was this morning brought up for speedy trial before Judge Lampman on a charge of larceny. The case was, however, put off until Monday next, owing to the absence of an important witness for the prosecution. It will be remembered that Reid was arrested on the 7th December last on information of a man named Oddy, who charges that he gave the accused some money to take charge of and that when it was returned the roll of bills was short to the amount of $100. Reid was a bar tender at the Prince of Wales saloon.

—There was a chowded meeting of Triumph Lodge, No. 16, I. O. G. T., at the Soldiers and Sailors' Home, Esquimalt, last night, when much business was dealt with and four new members were initiated and one admitted as an associate. Several distinguished visitors were present, including Bro. Gladstone, late of grand lodge of England, and Bro. J. N. Evans, M. P. P., past grand chief templar. After business Bro. T. W. Gladstone gave a very eloquent address on the temperance work in England and the work done by the order. He pointed out how drink made inroads in every branch of life, not omitting the ministry. Bros. Evans and Hicks also spoke, the former intimating that he had been a delegate who waited on the government for putting forward local options, and reporting progress. Bro. Hicks moved a resolution that the action of the mayor be supported by the lodge, which was carried. Songs were rendered by Bros. Blackman, Standford, Greenwood and Cooper.

EPIDEMIC OF SORE THROAT.

More cases of throat trouble are reported every day. But with Nerviline on hand it is easy to cure quickly. Mr. R. McKenzie of St. George, writes: "I had a very sore throat and my chest was full of cold and soreness. Every cough hurt me. I was cured quickly by rubbing my chest and throat vigorously with Nerviline, which I also used as a gargle. For emergent sickness I consider Nerviline the best remedy. For twenty years we have used it in our house." Under manufacturer's guarantee of satisfaction, all dealers sell Polson's Nerviline in large 25c. bottles.

—Showshoppers have every reason to be satisfied with this week's bill at the Grand theatre, for instead of two headline attractions, as Manager Jamieson had given his patrons reason to expect, there are three items on the bill that are entitled to special recognition. Albini is first of course. There has not been for years so dexterous a card manipulator and palmer on the road. He now adds wonderful examples in telepathy, and introduces each evening a change in the larger illusions such as those wherewith Hermann and Keller were wont to mystify their audiences. Albini fills in an hour and a quarter that is so crowded with interest that it passes as twenty minutes. He is the big particular feature of the week, and will probably prove as magnetic here as he did in Seattle, where a fortnight ago he was presented with a silver tablet by the management of the Star for having broken all attendance records of that house. In the Grand's programme, Mr. and Mrs. Young are next in importance. They have a comedietta called "A Homespun Wooing," which is valuable as a type study, and for clean, homely comedy, varied with an unusual exhibition of instrumentation on two violins. The finale of the sketch is specially good. Then there is Vardaman, the female impersonator, who is far and away the best in his line Victoria has yet been introduced to. He dresses the part decollete, uses effectively a rich contralto voice, and crowds his work with true artistic touches. The moving pictures of the week tell the exciting story of "Trainwreckers," and Miss Wildermere's illustrated song is "Absence Makes the Heart Grow Fonder," a song well suited to her voice and method. There is also an alleged Hebrew comedian on the bill who in his opening failed to win a smile. His name is Shane; his act's a shame.

CHRISTIAN MANLINESS.

Interesting Address by the Bishop of Columbia at the Y. M. C. A. on Sunday Afternoon.

An able, interesting and helpful address was given in the auditorium of the Young Men's Christian Association on Sunday afternoon by the Bishop of Columbia, upon the topic "Christian Manliness. His lordship said that some people did not connect "Christian" with "manliness," and the life of some professing Christians would lead many to think there was no connection. Such, however, were but few in comparison with the number who were living strong manly lives by the help of Christ. In days gone by people had had different ideas of what constituted Christian manliness. Some men had confined themselves in monasteries, and there had been strong men among the monks. By their faithful work, among other things in copying the Scriptures, they had rendered a great service, but one of the results of their isolation had been to make them effminate. During the age of chivalry the physical was the highest type of Christian manliness, but that had gone down before animation. The truth lay between the two. Christianity was to be brought into all relations of life. All should have strong bodies. The custom in vogue now of great multitudes going to see a few men play was not as beneficial as when each individual took part. All should have strong minds, too, and cultivate the faculty of thinking for themselves. His lordship counselled the reading of good books, and said that much of the literature of the day was trash. The Bible contained the best of poetry and prose, and twice as many people could read it to-day as a few years ago, if they chose to do so.

Instances were given of young men who had stood alone for purity and temperance, and had prevailed. Christ understood their natures and weaknesses better than they themselves, and by going to Him they would receive strength to finally overcome all temptation.

THE FEVER EPIDEMIC.

Return of Dr. Fagan From the Boundary Country.

Dr. C. J. Fagan, provincial health officer, has just returned from a visit to Phoenix, where fever has been epidemic for the past couple of months. The doctor reports that the trouble is now well in hand, and hopes that the prompt action taken will have the effect of stamping out the disease. There are at present but 25 cases on the list, and no new case has occurred for the past three weeks. A month or two ago there were seventy cases under treatment, and temporary hospitals were established in several parts of the town, trained nurses employed, and everything possible done to check the spread of the disease. So successful were the arrangements that the epidemic was practically confined to Phoenix. For a time it was feared that it might spread to Greenwood, Grand Forks or the other towns of the Boundary, but happily prompt quarantine measures prevented this. All the patients are now on the convalescent list, and it is hoped within the next few weeks that the fever will have entirely disappeared from Phoenix.

The outbreak, as already reported in the Times, is attributed to the milk supply of the town, and energetic measures were promptly taken to have the dairies cleansed. Dr. Fagan reports that the people of the Boundary are now fully alive to the importance of sanitation, and are determined to put their towns in order. The sewerage system is to be improved, the water supply purified. With the exception of Phoenix, Dr. Fagan reports the health of the Boundary country good.

—The Y. M. C. A. mock parliament holds its meeting to-morrow evening in the auditorium. The question under discussion will be the referendum and initiative.

—In chambers this morning before the Chief Justice the case of Dunsmuir vs. Aston et al was called. It was an application to dismiss action, and an order was made calling for a statement of claim to be delivered within a week, otherwise action to stand dismissed without further order.

Load of Lead in His Stomach!

Mr. G. E. Meyer, a popular merchant in Lewisburg, writes: "Six months ago I was a pretty sick man. I had a feeling in the pit of my stomach as if I carried a load of lead there. My appetite was poor and I ate very little. My head ached continually, and I felt weary and tired. My sleep was very restless. After I used the first box of Dr. Hamilton's Pills I felt better. I kept on using them for a few weeks, and was cured completely."

If space permitted we could recount the experience of dozens of well-known people cured of stomach trouble by Dr. Hamilton's Pills.

They bring instant relief and have never yet failed to make a complete cure. For headache, biliousness, indigestion and kindred disorders they have no equal. Price 25 cents per box, five boxes for $1.00, at druggists, or Polson & Co., Kingston, Ont., and Hartford, Conn., U. S. A.

OFFICER LEAVES TO LIBEL TURNER

POSSIBILITY THAT VESSEL MAY FLEE

Makes It Desirable That She Should be Arrested at Once For Salvage.

When the steamer Queen City sailed for the West Coast ports last night she had aboard an officer armed with all the necessary documents for the arrest of the schooner M. Turner, which was rescued by the steamer Queen City when within a cable length from the shore of Bunsby Island, in the Barrier group near Kyouquot Sound on the 18th inst. The arrest of the schooner is a mere formality which always precedes legal proceedings for the securing of salvage. The C. P. R. Company have placed the case in the hands of Messrs. Bodwell & Lawson, and will claim a substantial sum, based on a number of considerations, not the least important of which the plaintiff's will doubtless endeavor to establish, will be the following: That the schooner when picked up by the Queen City was unmanageable, having lost her sails, that she was unfit to proceed to sea even if the weather had been favorable for her doing so; that she was in danger of being cast on the rocks at any hour, or a gale sweeping in from sea, and that in rescuing her the Queen City went to a great deal of trouble traversing an intricate course among islands on which no steamer had ever previously ventured.

What plea the owners of the schooner can set up for leniency in case suit is brought cannot now be surmised. The schooner is on the coast, and the owner is in California. The latter will be communicated with, but in the meanwhile the C. P. R. Company will miss no opportunity to seize their prize if she happens to be still in port down the coast, thus making secure the property against which legal proceedings will be instituted. Of course redress in the libel proceedings can be obtained in American courts, yet it is claimed to be a decided advantage to keep the vessel in Canadian waters until a bond for her security has been put up or the salvage claimed has been allowed.

At present the M. Turner's flight is possible. In the interval that has elapsed since the Queen City left her at a safe anchorage in Claninish harbor, Capt. Peterson, knowing well what was bound to follow, might play sharp and making temporary repairs, put out to sea with the utmost alacrity. The Queen City cannot reach the schooner before to-morrow, so the M. Turner has had considerable time in which to make preparations if to flee was Capt. Peterson's intention.

The chances are, however, that the M. Turner will be found where she was left. The weather has not been such as to favor any hasty departure, and should Capt. Peterson leave port in his present condition he would be taking a very grave risk. But there is the uncertainty about the matter, and until the report has been received that the schooner has been libelled there will be some little cause for anxiety on the part of those laying claim for the salvage. What the amount of this will be Capt. Troup was unwilling to discuss this morning.

SUGGESTS PAINT.

What appears to be a very sensible and excellent suggestion will doubtless be advanced at the next meeting of the board of trade by C. H. Lugrin in connection with the request that has gone forth for a life saving equipment on the West Coast of Vancouver Island. In reading over the stories told by the survivors of the lost ship King David, of how they had made land not knowing which way to travel to procure the most immediate assistance, it occurred to Mr. Lugrin that if some one with a paint brush was appointed to visit the West Coast and at regular points place in big conspicuous letter the distances from the nearest habitation, much distress now endured by shipwrecked men might be obviated. Indeed, often valuable lives are lost because of the lack of just simple, but highly important, information. A case in point is that of the boat's crew of the King David which started off for Cape Beale to telegraph for assistance when the same could have been secured comparatively near and at no apparent risk. Notices of the kind Mr. Lugrin proposes are frequently seen on country roads, and, in a more common way, the name of a street among other uses serves a similar purpose. Rocks in prominent places are frequently used for patent medicine advertisements. Why should they not be used for directing men east upon a wild and little frequented coast?

FOUR HAVE SAILED.

The annual spring exodus of the sealers has commenced in earnest. Four of the fleet carrying white crews have departed for the sealing grounds off the California coast, and others are to follow as soon as they can be made ready. The vessels gone are the Umbrina, Capt. Blackstad; Diana, Capt. Whidden; Casco, Capt. Munro; and City of San Diego, Capt. Folger.

SHIPPING NOTES.

The steamship Lyra, of the Boston Tugboat Company, will be due from the Orient on the 26th. She has between three and four hundred tons of freight for Victoria.

The Blue Funnel liner now on her way here from Liverpool and ports in Asia has 500 tons of general cargo for Victoria. She is due to arrive on the 21st inst.

—The next dance of the "Invitation Dancing Club" will take place to-morrow (Wednesday) at the Assembly hall, Fort street.

—The provincial government has forwarded an order to Montreal to have a wreath prepared to mark the respect in which the late Hon. Raymond Prefontaine, minister of marine and fisheries, was held in this province. The flags at the Federal and provincial buildings are flying at half mast.

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This will be the biggest and best sale of the season for men. At their regular prices Fit-Reform Suits and Overcoats are the greatest values in Canada beyond question. When you buy these same Suits and Overcoats for one-fourth less than the price labelled by the makers in the pocket of each garment, it means bargains if you please, that certainly have no duplicates in Victoria.

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Now is your chance to pick from the cream of the winter display and pay twenty-five per cent. less than the regular prices.

Sale commences Wednesday, January 24th, at 8 a. m., and will continue for two weeks only. Full Dress and Tuxedo Suits are not included in this sale. TERMS CASH.

Fit-Reform Wardrobe,

73 Government Street, Victoria,

—Last night the evangelistic services in the Metropolitan Methodist church were marked by larger numbers and much more enthusiasm. The pastor, Rev. G. K. B. Adams, took the question of the servants of the Jewish ruler, "Thy daughter is dead; why troublest thou the Master any further?" and showed how in answer to the prayer of faith Christ still exerted his gracious Omnipotent power for the good of humanity. To-night the 8 o'clock service will be preceeded by a "service of song" at 7.30 on the corner of Yates and Douglas streets. Citizens are invited to help in and enjoy both services.

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All $3, $3.50 and $4.00 Hats at - - - - $1.90
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Sporting News

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

TWO CHAMPIONSHIPS.

As previously mentioned by the Times, arrangements have been made for the organization of a Provincial Intermediate League. Notices have been sent to the majority of the athletic clubs of Vancouver Island, and those that have been overlooked have certainly received ample notification through the public press. Entries are being called for now and will be received up to the 9th of January. On the Tuesday evening following a meeting of the representatives of the different clubs intending to compete will be held, when a schedule will be drafted and other necessary preparations made for deciding the championship.

Already it is assured that three teams at least will enter the competition, namely, the Capitals, Centrals and Ladysmith. Even if no other eleven comes in a good league is guaranteed. It is intended that the question of supremacy shall be decided before the British Columbia finals take place, so that the Island intermediate champions may play a similar Mainland team for the provincial honors.

On the same occasion it is altogether probable that the local junior champions will meet the best Mainland junior team for the championship of British Columbia.

Up to by-by the Central and Capital teams have not settled their differences, but whichever one wins the series now in progress will be perfectly willing to compete with the Mainlanders under any mutually satisfactory conditions.

TRAINING HARD.

Members of the Victoria United team have commenced a course of training which will continue for a fortnight and perhaps longer. They are preparing for two very important Island League matches. The first will take place next Saturday with the Egeria eleven, and the second on the Saturday following with the Garrison team. Providing the boeds are successful in capturing the first mentioned, and the result is not at all certain because the sailors will be considerably strengthened for the occasion, that, with the Garrison will practically decide the winner of the coveted trophy.

WANT FAIR PLAY.

To the Sporting Editor:—Allow me space in your valuable paper to comment on the report of the football match on Saturday, 20th, in the Daily Colonist, between Garrison and Egeria. According to the reporter the game should have been a draw, and the Garrison scored two off-side goals. (I wonder if the reporter could give a diagram of them.) He further states that the game was "utterly devoid of interest," and that the Garrison continually bombarded the Egeria goal, and that McIntosh, their goal-keeper, saved them from a much heavier score. I, as a player, would like to ask any Victoria sportsman who witnessed the game on Saturday if the report was fair to the Garrison. According to reports the Garrison, who have been here for the last three seasons, have not had the honor of winning a match on their merits. I myself think that it is about time the Garrison team were recognized as one, if not the best, in British Columbia, and trust that in future the reporter of the Daily Colonist will be more fair and impartial in his reports. I will now conclude by stating that I don't think it is a reporter's duty to urge a losing team to protest, as I think there have been far too many protests against the Garrison, while the same team have not protested once, although they have had occasion to several times. Hoping to see this in your valuable paper.

W. H. PROVINS.

ATHLETICS.

SPORTS IN CHINA.

The international committee of the Young Men's Christian Association have issued a most interesting circular which reads, in part, as follows:

"The Y. M. C. A. recently introduced into China and Korea has been fostering athletics which were previously unknown to Orientals. In Seoul, Korea, the dumb-bell and setting-up drills have been taken kindly to by the higher class young men. The American Y. M. C. A. secretaries joined on the football field and cinder path have brought in a gospel of masculine vigor which is changing the delicate Eastern members into strong and vigorous men.

"This description of a recent field day held by the Y. M. C. A. at Shanghai was given by the editor of the South China Daily Journal. This is a new thing among Confucianists. American athletics will go along with the new education policy lately approved by the Chinese Emperor. The new life that is stirring China was strikingly seen at the sports meeting held by the Chinese Y. M. C. A. on Saturday last. When before in the long history of Cathay have we seen Taotals holding the tape at the finishing line, as their younger fellow-nationals struggled for mastery on the 100-yards track or in the one-mile run? The day was full of prophesy. At the pole vault the secretary of a Chinese Duke and the assistant mixed court magistrate put aside the usual reserve and were seen enthusiastically standing upon the tops of benches in order to hold the cross pole. In the hammer throw we observed the manager of the Imperial Chinese telegraphs doing yeoman's duty throwing the 16-pound weight back to the youths who were waiting their turn. A leading bank compradore served actively as a voluntary marshal, and helped to keep the track clear for the 440-yards run, when the excitement was highest. College students in uniform from different colleges were present, some of whom marched to the Y. M. C. A. grounds accompanied by bugles. The college yells indulged in, after the American style, were scarcely known in Old China. Another striking feature was the presence of Chinese ladies from prominent families, a special tent being reserved for them. Chinese ladies acted as hostesses and also provided the refreshments. Taotal Wong Kor-shan, chairman of the association, presented the prize winners at the conclusion of the sports to Madame Wu Ting-fang, and, as far as we are informed, for the first time in history a Chinese lady brought a sports meeting to a conclusion by presentation of the medals. The enthusiasm of the spectators was intense, and as one of our English contemporaries remarked, the presence of Admiral Sah's marine band playing Yankee Doodle and Hiawatha was certainly in keeping with the spirit of the day.'"

LACROSSE.

THURSDAY'S MEETING.

Those interested are again reminded that on Thursday evening a meeting will be held in the Y. M. C. A. rooms, Broad street. It has been called by Rev. W. W. Bolton, who, it is understood, has an important statement to make regarding the conduct of the junior and intermediate leagues during the summer months.

BILLIARDS.

THE DRIARD TOURNEY.

There were a number of spectators on hand when the Driard tourney match between A. Gibson (cce. 50) and J. Anderson was called last evening. The contest was not close, Gibson having no difficulty in distancing his opponent. He won out by a score of 500 to 194 points.

Messrs. Deppe and Walker will try conclusions this evening, and an exciting struggle is expected.

BASKETBALL.

JUNIOR MATCH.

A junior league basketball match was played between the Y. M. C. A. and F. Y. M. A. teams last evening, resulting in a win for the latter by a score of 19 points to 11. F. Jacobsen acted as referee.

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PROVINCIAL NEWS.

PHOENIX.

The mill at the La Plata mines will be in operation before the 1st of May, and the shipments from the mine will then be materially increased. The first car of machinery has arrived from the Jenckes company. The La Plata Mines company's property generally is in a very satisfactory condition. The recently discovered veins of high grade silver-lead ore are all maintaining their values, and fulfilling their promise as to the extent of the new ore bodies. The company has for some time been making regular shipments to the Hall mines smelter of clean ore, which will be continued. But when the mill is in operation all the ore will be concentrated and shipped and the mines will be operated on a very large scale. Meanwhile the policy of extensive development has been steadily prosecuted, with the result that shipments in large quantities are practically assured for a very long time.

NELSON.

From official figures just made public it is learned that the Granby Consolidated during the calendar year 1905, smelted altogether 678,988 tons of ore, or an average of 57,322 tons per month. Of this total, there were 33,505 tons of custom ore smelted, the balance of 654,483 tons being from the company's Phoenix mines. As the company shipped 653,889 tons of its own ore in the same period of time, it used up about 1,000 tons more of its own ore than was shipped in the twelve months, a large reserve being carried at the smelter. The largest month for custom smelting was September, 4,682 tons, and the smallest was December, when only 1,643 tons of outside ore were handled, although December was the greatest month for smelting in the history of the Granby Consolidated, 78,766 tons of its own ore being treated.—Pinover.

GREENWOOD.

An accident occurred at the Mother Lode mine last week, resulting in the serious injury of one man, and in two others being painfully cut and bruised. The men were engaged in mining rock in the quarry and had just prepared a series of charges when one of the fuses in some way prematurely ignited the bare powder and exploded at the feet of Matt Russick, horribly shattering his right leg. The other men, James Engean and James Pascoe, were cut and bruised on the arms and legs. It was only the bravery of the gang that averted a much more serious disaster. The charges were all on the point of exploding and the injured men would have been blown to pieces, but their mates assisted them quickly to a place of safety. Russick's leg had to be amputated, and the unfortunate victim is now out of danger.

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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Jan. 23.—5 a. m.—The pressure is high in California, but a storm area maintains its position north of Vancouver Island and is causing strong gales on the outside waters, with snow in Cariboo and moderate to heavy rainfall in the southern part of the province and throughout Oregon and Washington. Temperatures are much milder on the Coast. In the Northwest a vast area of high pressure covers the entire region and a decided cold wave prevails in all parts, the temperature reaching 34 below zero; the weather is mostly fair with scattered light snowfall.

Forecasts.

For 36 hours ending 5 p.m. Wednesday.

Victoria and vicinity—Easterly and southerly winds, chiefly cloudy and mild, with showers.

Lower Mainland—Easterly winds, unsettled and mild, with rain.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 29.73; temperature, 46; minimum, 43; wind, 8 miles E.; rain, .25; weather, cloudy.

New Westminster—Barometer, 29.73; temperature, 44; minimum, 38; wind, 4 miles E.; rain, 1.66; weather, rain.

Nanaimo—Wind, calm; weather, cloudy, showery.

Kamloops—Barometer, 29.70; temperature, 22; minimum, 16; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.

Barkerville—Barometer, 29.52; temperature, 26; minimum, 6; wind, 4 miles S.; snow, .60; weather, snow.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.20; temperature, 48; minimum, 48; wind, 30 miles N. W.; rain, .02; weather, rain.

Port Simpson—Barometer, 29.14; temperature, 26; minimum, 10; wind, 24 miles N. W.; weather, cloudy.

Edmonton—Barometer, 30.20; temperature, 12 below; minimum, 22 below; wind, 12 miles N. E.; snow, .02; weather, snow.

First Lieutenant von Franck, the oldest officer in the German army, has celebrated his 100th birthday at Charlottenburg. He is in full possession of his faculties.

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To manufacture, purchase or otherwise acquire, lease, deal in, sell and dispose of instruments, apparatus, plant and appliances, used or for use in connection with a telegraph or telephone business;

To acquire by purchase or otherwise, or to dispose of shares in any capital stock of, and the bonds, debentures or other securities of any company authorized to carry on a telegraph or telephone business;

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To maintain and repair telegraph lines for others within the Dominion of Canada or elsewhere;

To erect, maintain and keep up their line or lines along the side of or across any public highways, bridges, water courses or other such places, or under any navigable waters, either wholly in Canada or dividing Canada from any other country;

To enter, by and through their workmen and agents, duly authorized, into and upon the lands of His Majesty, or any person or persons, or bodies politic or corporate whatsoever, and survey the same, or any part thereof, and to set out and ascertain such parts thereof as they think necessary and proper for making the said telegraph or telephone line;

To erect in or upon such lands, such posts, station houses and other works as the Company think requisite and convenient for the purposes of the said line or lines, and to erect works upon or across any non-navigable river, necessary for making and completing the said line or lines;

To cut down the trees and underwood for the space of fifty feet on each side of the said lines wherever the same shall pass through any wood;

To borrow such sum of money, not exceeding the amount of the paid up capital of the Company, as the shareholders deem necessary, and to issue bonds therefor, which shall be and form a first charge upon the whole lines, works and plant of the Company, in such sum and at such rates of interest, and payable at such times and places as the directors determine, for the purpose of carrying out any of the objects or purposes of the Company;

To enter into contracts with any government, corporation, company or individual in respect of the construction, acquisition or operation of telegraph or telephone lines, or any public or private improvements in any Province of Canada or elsewhere;

To possess all such other powers and privileges as may have been given to any company having like purposes in view, or as may be incident to or reasonably necessary for the successful carrying out of the undertaking contemplated.

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SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH-WEST HOMESTEAD REGULATIONS.

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Entry may be made personally at the local land office for the district in which the land to be taken is situated, or if the homesteader desires, he may, on application to the Minister of the Interior, Ottawa, the Commissioner of Immigration, Winnipeg, or the local agent for the district in which the land is situate, receive authority for some one to make entry for him.

HOMESTEAD DUTIES: A settler who has been granted an entry for a homestead is required to perform the conditions connected therewith under one of the following plans:

(1) At least six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each year during the term of three years.

(2) If the father (or mother, if the father is deceased) of any person who is eligible to make a homestead entry under the provisions of this Act, resides upon a farm in the vicinity of the land entered for by such person as a homestead, the requirements of this Act as to residence prior to obtaining patent may be satisfied by such person residing with the father or mother.

(3) If the settler has his permanent residence upon farming land owned by him in the vicinity of his homestead, the requirements of this Act as to residence may be satisfied by residence upon the said land.

APPLICATION FOR PATENT should be made at the end of three years, before the Local Agent, Sub-Agent or the Homestead Inspector.

Before making application for patent the settler must give six months' notice in writing to the Commissioner of Dominion Lands at Ottawa, of his intention to do so.

SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH-WEST MINING REGULATIONS.

Coal.—Coal lands may be purchased at $10 per acre for soft coal and $20 for anthracite. Not more than 320 acres can be acquired by one individual or company.

Royalty at the rate of ten cents per ton of 2,000 pounds shall be collected on the gross output.

Quartz.—A free miner's certificate is granted upon payment in advance of $7.50 per annum for an individual, and from $50 to $100 per annum for a company according to capital.

A free miner, having discovered mineral in place, may locate a claim 1,500x1,500 feet.

The fee for recording a claim is $5.

At least $100 must be expended on the claim each year or paid to the mining recorder in lieu thereof. When $500 has been expended or paid, the locator may, upon having a survey made, and upon complying with other requirements, purchase the land at $1 an acre.

The patent provides for the payment of a royalty of 2½ per cent. on the sales.

PLACER mining claims generally are 100 feet square; entry fee $5, renewable yearly.

A free miner may obtain two leases to dredge for gold of five miles each for a term of twenty years, renewable at the discretion of the Minister of the Interior.

The lessee shall have a dredge in operation within one season from the date of the lease for each five miles. Rental, $10 per annum for each mile of river leased. Royalty at the rate of 2½ per cent. collected on the output after it exceeds $10,000.

W. W. CORY,

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Northbound. Leave.	Daily. A.M.	Southbound. Arrive. P.M.
Victoria	9.00	2.05
		A.M.
Shawnigan Lake	10.20	10.46
Duncans	11.00	10.02
Chemainus	11.32	9.20
Ladysmith	11.52	9.10
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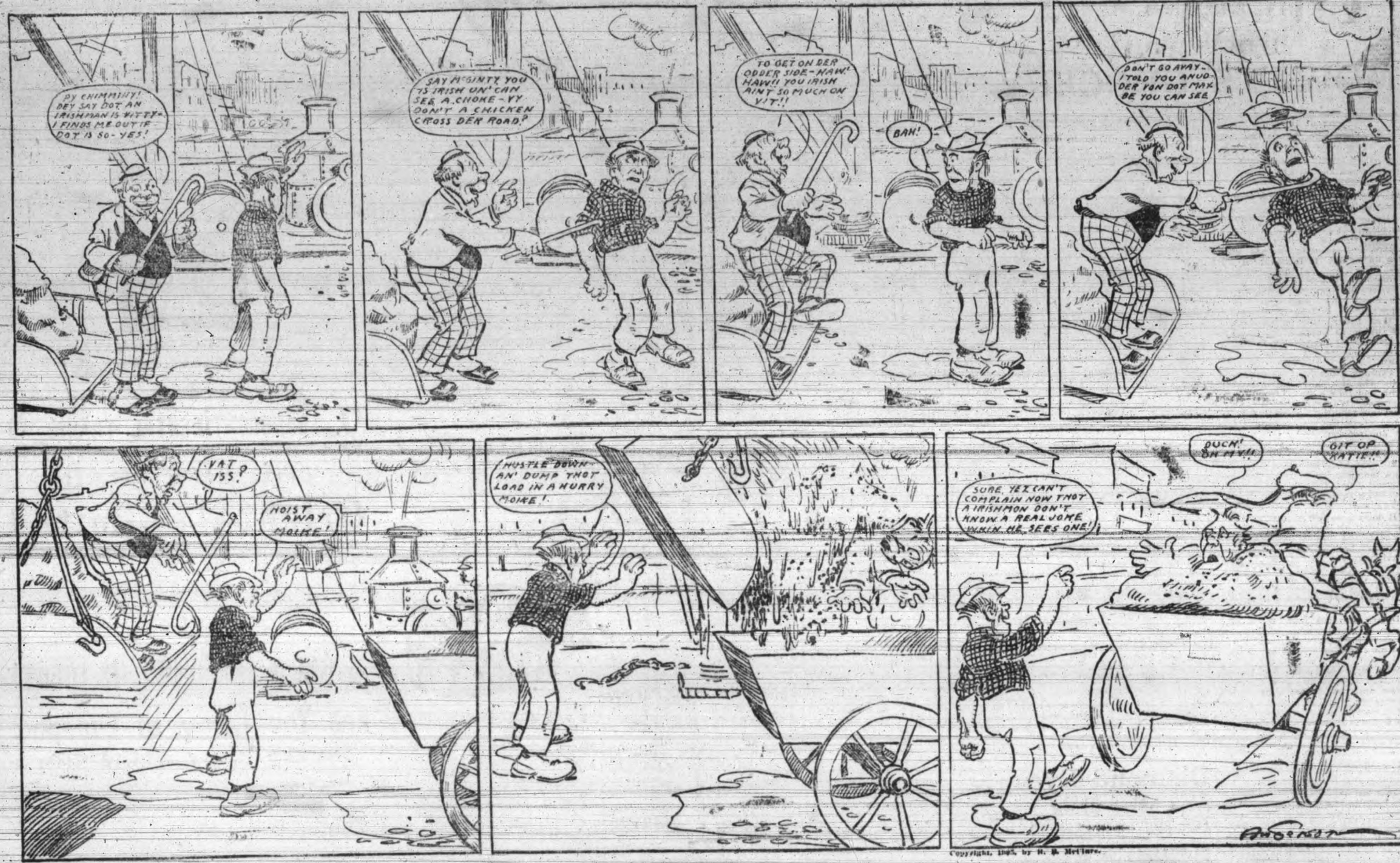

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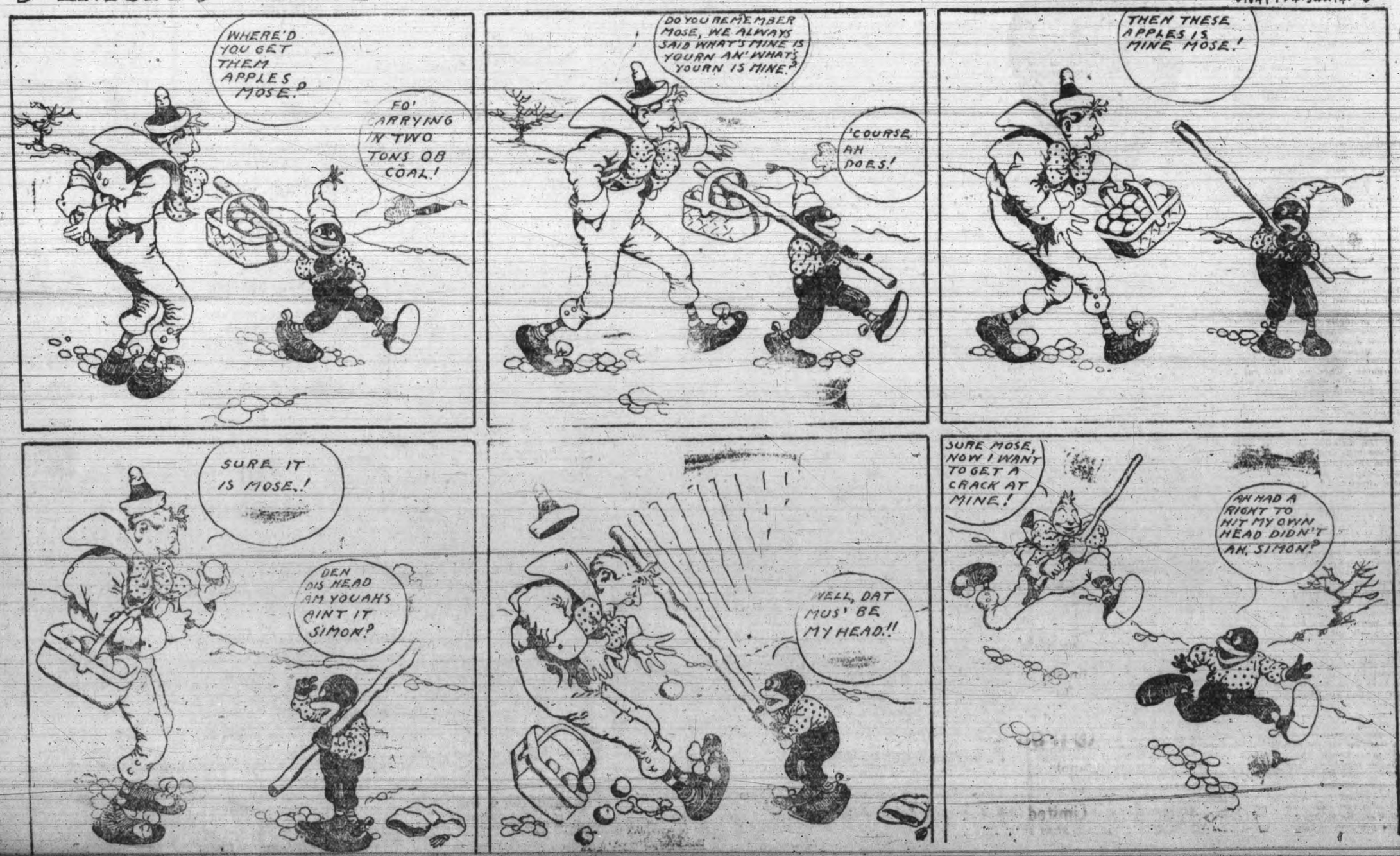

The Crimson Blind

By FRED. M. WHITE

CHAPTER X.—(Continued.)

He stood there rigidly, almost afraid to take the cigar from his lips, whilst Enid sped without further need for caution down the drive. The lodge gates were closed and the deaf porter's house in darkness, so that Enid could unlock the wicket without fear of detection. She rattled the key on the bars and a figure slipped out of the darkness.

"Really me, Enid. I came over on my bicycle. I am supposed to be round at some friend's house in Brunswick square, and one of the servants is sitting up for me. Is Reginald safe? He hasn't yet discovered the secret of the tradesman's book?"

"That's all right, dear. But why are you here? Has something dreadful happened?"

"Well, I will try to tell you so in as few words as possible. I never felt so ashamed of anything in my life."

"Don't tell me that our scheme has failed!"

"Perhaps I need not go so far as that. The first part of it came off all right, and then a very dreadful thing happened. We have got Mr. David Steel into frightful trouble. He is going to be charged with attempted murder and robbery."

"Ruth, do not tell me. I am quite in the dark."

"It was the night when—well, you know the night. It was after Mr. Steel returned home from his visit to 219, Brunswick square——"

"You mean 218, Ruth."

"It doesn't matter, because he knows pretty well all about it by this time. It would have been far better for us if we hadn't been quite so clever. It would have been far wiser to have taken Mr. Steel entirely into our confidence. Oh, oh, Enid, if we had only left out that little sentiment over the cigar case! Then we should have been all right.

"Dearest girl, my time is limited. I've got Reginald held up for the time, but at any moment he may escape from his bondage. What about the cigar case?"

"Well, Mr. Steel took it home with him. And when he got home he found a man nearly murdered lying in his conservatory. That man was conveyed to the Sussex county hospital, where he still lies in an unconscious state. On the body was found a receipt for a gun metal cigar case set with diamonds."

"Good gracious, Ruth, you don't mean to say——"

"Oh, I do. I can't quite make how it happened, but that same case that we—that Mr. Steel has—has been positively identified as one purchased from Walen by the injured man. There is no question about it. And they have found out about Mr. Steel being short of money, and the £1,000, and everything."

"But we know that that cigar case from Lockhart's in North street was positively——"

"Yes, yes. But what has become of it? And in what strange way was the change made? I tell you that the whole thing frightens me. We thought that we had hit upon a scheme to solve the problem, and keep our friends out of danger. There was the American at Genoa who volunteered to assist us. A week later he was found dead in his bed. Then there was Christiana's friend, who disappeared entirely. And now we try further assistance in the case of Mr. Steel, and he stands face to face with a terrible charge. And he has found us out."

"He has found us out? What do you mean?"

"Well, he called to see me. He called at 219, of course. And directly I heard his name I was so startled that I am afraid I betrayed myself. Such a nice, kind, handsome man, Enid; so manly and good over it all. Of course he declared that he had been at 219 before, and I could only declare that he had done nothing of the kind. Never, never have I felt so ashamed of myself in my life before."

"It seems a pity," Enid said, thoughtfully. "You said nothing about 218?"

"My dear, he found it out. At least, Hatherly Bell did for him. Hatherly Bell happened to be staying down with us, and Hatherly Bell, who knows Mr. Steel, promptly solved, or half solved, that side of the problem. And Hatherly Bell is coming here to-night to see Aunt Margaret. He——"

"Here!" Enid cried. "To see Aunt Margaret? Then he found out about you. At all hazards Mr. Bell must not come here—he must not. I would rather let everything go than that. I would rather see auntie dead and Reginald Henson master here. You must——"

In the distance came the rattle of harness bells and the trot of a horse.

"I'm afraid it's too late," Ruth Gates said, sadly. "I am afraid that they are here already. Oh, if we had only left out that wretched cigar case!"

CHAPTER XI.

After Rembrandt.

"Before we go any farther," Bell said, after a long pause, "I should like to search the house from top to bottom. I've got a pretty sound theory in my head, but I don't like to leave anything to chance. We shall be pretty certain to find something."

"I am entirely in your hands," David said, wearily. "So far as I am capable of thinking out anything, it seems to me that we have to find the woman."

"'Cherchez la femme' is a fairly sound premise in a case like this, but when we have found the woman we shall have to find the man who is at the bottom of the plot. I mean the man who is not only thwarting the woman, but giving you a pretty severe lesson as to the advisability of minding your own business for the future."

"Then you don't think I am being made the victim of a vile conspiracy?"

"Not by the woman, certainly. You are the victim of some fiendish counterplot by the man, who has not quite mastered what the woman is driving at. By placing you in dire peril he compels the woman to speak to save you, and thus to expose her hand."

"Then in that case I propose to sit tight," David said, grimly. "I am bound to be prosecuted for robbery and attempted murder in due course. If my man dies I am in a tight place."

"And if he recovers your antagonist may be in a tighter," Bell chuckled. "And if the man gets well and that brain injury proves permanent—I mean if the man is rendered imbecile—why, we are only at the very threshold of the mystery. It seems a callous thing to say, but this is the prettiest problem I have had under my hands."

"Make the most of it," David said, sardonically. "I daresay I should see the matter in a more rational light if I were not so directly concerned. But, if we are going to make a search of the premises, the sooner we start the better."

Upstairs there was nothing beyond certain lumber. There were dust and dirt everywhere, save in the hall and front dining-room, which, as Bell sapiently pointed out, had obviously been cleared to make ready for Steel's strange reception. Down in the housekeeper's room was a large collection of dusty furniture, and a number of pictures and engravings piled with their faces to the wall. Bell began idly to turn the latter over.

"I am a maniac on the subject of old prints," he explained. "I never see a pile without a wild longing to examine them. And, by Jove, there are some good things here. Unless I am greatly mistaken—here, Steel, pull up the blinds! Good heavens, is it possible?"

"Found a Sistine Madonna or a stray Angelo?" David asked. "Or a ghost? What is the matter? Is it another phase of the mystery?"

"The Rembrandt," Bell gasped. "Look at it, man!"

Steel bent eagerly over the engraving. An old print, an old piece of china, an antique jewel, always exercised a charm over the novelist. He had an unerring eye for that kind of thing.

"Exquisite," he cried. "A Rembrant, of course, but I don't recollect the picture."

"The picture was destroyed by accident after Rembrandt had engraved it with his own hand," Bell proceeded to explain. He was quite coherent now, but he breathed fast and loud. "I shall proceed to give you the history of the picture presently, and more especially a history of the engraving."

"Has it any particular name?" David asked.

"Yes, we found that out. It was called 'The Crimson Blind!'"

"No getting away from the crimson blind," David murmured. "Still, I can quite imagine that to have been the name of the picture. That shutter or blind might have had a setting sun behind it, which would account for the tender warmth of the kitchen foreground and the deep gloom where the lovers are seated. By Jove, Bell, it is a magnificent piece of work. I've a special fancy for Rembrandt engravings, but I never saw one equal to that."

"And you never will," Bell replied, "save in one instance. The picture itself was painted in Rembrandt's modest lodgings in the Keizerskroon tavern after the forced sale of his paintings at that hostel in the year 1658. At that time Rembrandt was painfully poor, as his recorded tavern bills show. The same bills also disclose the fact that 'The Crimson Blind' was painted for a private customer with a condition that the subject should be engraved as well. After one impression had been taken off the plate the picture was destroyed by a careless servant. In a sudden fit of rage Rembrandt destroyed the plate, having, they say, only taken one impression from it."

"Then there is only one of these engravings in the world? What a find!"

"There is one other, as I know to my cost," Bell said, significantly. "Until a few days ago I never entertained the idea that there were two. Steel, you are the victim of a vile conspiracy, but it is nothing to the conspiracy which has darkened my life.

"Sooner or later I always felt that I should get to the bottom of the mystery, and now I am certain of it. And, strange as it may seem, I verily believe that you and I are hunting the same man down—that the one man is at the bottom of the two evils. But you shall hear my story presently. What we have to find out now is who was the last tenant and who is the present owner of the house, and incidentally learn who this lumber belongs to. Ah, this has been a great day for me!"

Bell spoke exultingly, a great light shining in his eyes. And David sapiently asked no further questions for the present. All that he wanted to know would come in time. The next move, of course, was to visit the agent of the property.

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VICTORIA LODGE, No. 1, A. O. U. W., meets every second and fourth Wednesday in month at A. O. U. W. Hall. Members of Order visiting the city cordially invited to attend. A. Noble, M.W.

COURT CARIBOO, No. 742, I. O. F., meets in A. O. U. W. Hall, Yates street, on the first and third Tuesday of every month, at 8 p. m. For information inquire of C. H. Deasille, Fin. Secy., at Melrose Co.'s, Fort street.

COURT VANCOUVER, 5755, A. O. F., meets first and third Mondays in K. of P. Hall, cor. Douglas and Pandora streets. S. Wilson, Secy., Michigan street, James Bay. Visiting brothers cordially invited.

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A series of free lectures on Seamanship and Navigation, illustrated by diagrams, will be delivered in the Examination Rooms at the Port of Victoria, B. C., every Monday and Thursday evening during the months of January, February and March, commencing at 8 p. m., January 4th, 1906.

All persons interested in the above subjects are cordially invited to attend.

Special attention will be given to the demonstration of the Rule of the Road and correction of compass.

As the standard of examination for coasting and inland waters will shortly be raised, future candidates should avail themselves of the advantages to be derived by a steady attendance at those lectures.

JAS. GAUDIN,
Examiner.

Take notice that I intend to apply at the next meeting of the Board of License Commissioners for the District of Esquimalt for the transfer to Frances Dudley Stetson of the license to sell spirituous liquors by retail at the Ship Hotel, Esquimalt, B.C.
Dated this first day of December, 1905.
FREDERICK STETSON.

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The Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the offices of the Company, 74 Wharf street, Victoria, on Wednesday, 14th February, 1906, at five p.m.
E. B. MARVIN, President.
F. F. HEDGES, Secy.-Treas.
12th January, 1906.

NOTICE

The south end of St. Charles street from Fairfield road to Chandler street, is closed to vehicular traffic from December 27th until further orders.
C. H. TOPP,
City Engineer.

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New Home List Just Out.

COWICHAN—26 acres, 10 cultivated, 12 pasture, orchard 200 trees, 7 room cottage and barn; price $3,000.

SHAWNIGAN—100 acres, 8 cultivated, 35 pasture and orchard, 5 room cottage, new; price $3,000.

CALEDONIA PARK—Lots in this subdivision on Niagara, Carr, Simcoe and St. Andrew streets.

DENMAN ISLAND, COMOX DISTRICT—144 acres, 35 pasture, orchard, on salt water, good land, 8 room house, barns; price $1,800.

FOR SALE—50 of the best farms on Vancouver Island. Call at office for list.

FOR SALE—Choice lots on Pandora Ave.; price $900.

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FOR SALE—100 acres, on Cowichan river, house and other improvements; price $1,500.

FOR SALE—25 acres, on Esquimalt harbor; price $2,500.

FOR SALE—6 roomed house, close to Government Buildings; price $2,000.

FOR SALE—Dairy farm at Somenos, fully stocked, buildings, etc.; price $4,000.

FOR SALE—Waterfront lots in Esquimalt; price $200, on terms of $10 per month.

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COTTAGE and 3 acres, all improved, at Shoal Bay; a bargain.

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FOR SALE—Oak Bay, 2½ acres, Oak Bay house, outbuildings, beautiful view of sea. (711.)

FOR SALE—Handsome bungalow and two lots, Oak Bay avenue, all modern conveniences. (692.)

FOR SALE—A five roomed cottage and two lots, on car line; price $2,000, easy terms. (614.)

FOR SALE—New modern dwelling of eight rooms, may be had at a very reasonable price, is centrally located, all modern conveniences, $2,400. (591.)

FOR SALE—Two good water front lots, worth looking into. (2248.)

FOR SALE—Many cheap lots, on the new Gorge car line.

FOR SALE—Two acres of choice land, at Shoal Bay. (2215.)

FOR SALE—150 acres, Saanich District, 40 cultivated, 200 fruit trees, large house, barns and several outbuildings; price $6,500 cash. (2815.)

FOR SALE—South Saanich, 11 miles from city, 50 acres, of which 35 are cultivated, 8 roomed house, barns, 20 fruit trees; price and terms on application. (2771.)

FOR SALE—Somenos District, 120 acres, 5 acres under hay, 30 acres fenced, 60 fruit trees, 8 roomed house, stock and furniture at a bargain. (2754.)

FOR SALE—Lake Hill Estate, ten acres, all fenced, seven acres cleared. (3133.)

FOR SALE—In centre of city, large modern dwelling and three city lots, having a frontage on two principal streets, well adapted for large boarding house, school or hospital; cost $19,500; our price, $10,500. (632.)

FOR SALE—Oak Bay avenue, handsome modern bungalow and three lots, reasonable price. (582.)

TO LEASE—Eight miles from the city, 125 acres, of which 65 are under cultivation, 6 roomed dwelling, two large barns, stock and implements must be purchased.

FOR SALE—Three and a half acres and cottage, half an acre of fruit, stable and all necessary outbuildings; this is within easy reach of the car and for sale at a very reasonable price. (2387.)

FOR SALE—Choice building site, 100x133; assessed value, $1,150; our price is only $700. (2245.)

FOR SALE—Seven and a half acres, in Mount Tolmie; this is well situated for a retired gentleman. (3111.)

FOR SALE—7½ acres and large dwelling, in the fashionable part of town, $25,000. (693.)

FOR SALE—Esquimalt road, cheap lots sold on the installment plan of 20 per cent. cash. (2116.)

FOR SALE—The only choice lots left in the Douglas Gardens. (2095.)

FOR SALE—Saanich District, 100 acres bottom land, balance light gravel, 1½ story dwelling, two barns, 16 acres fenced, and three acres cultivated, 50 fruit trees in bearing; price $1,500. (2793.)

MONEY TO LOAN, Fire Insurance Written, Estates Managed.

JUST ISSUED—Revised list of farms for sale in all parts of the province; call or write for one.
Phone 1076. P. O. Box 428.
P. R. BROWN CO., LTD.,
30 Broad St., Victoria.

Notice is hereby given that I intend to apply to the Board of Licensing Commissioners of the City of Victoria, at its next sitting, for a transfer from myself to Thomas J. Thomas of the license to sell spirituous and fermented liquors on the premises known as the Commercial Hotel, situate at No. 113 Douglas street, Victoria, B. C.
Dated this 15th day of December, A. D., 1905.
CHAS. STEWART.

Messrs. L. Eaton & Co.

Duly instructed, will sell by Public Auction to-morrow, Wednesday, January 24th, at 2 p. m., a quantity of useful Household Furniture and ¾ Ton of first-class Tea. Including: 2 Pianos, 5 Bedroom Suites, 2 Sideboards, 1 Full-Sized Iron Bedstead, Child's Iron Cot, Pillows, Box and Top Mattresses, Home Comfort Kitchen Table, Rattan and Upholstered Arm Chairs, Rockers, Kitchen Chairs, Upholstered Lounge, 3 Sewing Machines, Occasional Tables, Carpets, Rugs, Toilet Ware, Dinner Service, Sundry Crockery and Glassware; also ¾ Ton of Morgan & Staines' well known Teas.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE is hereby given that I will not be responsible for any debts contracted by Mrs. Squires (better known as Mrs. Cuttler). E. Cuttler.

TO RENT—Cheap, good piano. Box 17, Times Office.

AGENTS WANTED—Either sex. Patent article, something new and useful. Quick seller; nothing like it on the market. Address A. Mikulich, No. 1019 7th street, Sacramento, California.

FOR SALE—Naptha launch Blanch, of the following dimensions: Length, 25 ft.; beam, 6 ft. 3 in.; depth, 2 ft. 6 in.; in first-class condition. For particulars apply to E. B. Marvin & Co., 74 Wharf street.

NOTICE—Victoria Liberal Association will hold its regular quarterly meeting on Friday evening, 26th inst., in Sir William Wallace Hall, at 8 o'clock. All

SOCIAL DANCE—In Semple's Hall, Friday, Jan. 26th. Gents, 50c.; ladies, refreshments.

FARM FOR SALE—160 acres, house and barn, at Shawnigan Lake; beautifully situated. H. Findley, Post Office Box 159, Victoria.

FOR RENT—A 6 roomed house, 212 Cook street, near Frederick, good condition, all modern improvements. Apply 79 Frederick street.

WANTED—Horse for general delivery; state price. Apply Box 25, this office.

LOST—On Dec. 31st, a Gordon setter dog, 9 months old; had a round leather collar on when last seen. Five dollars reward to person returning same to K. Gillespie, Bank of Commerce.

Victoria THEATRE

Five Nights, Commencing Friday, Jan. 26th, with Matinees Wednesday and Saturday. The Universal Favorites,

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Friday Evening, Jan. 26th,

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Saturday Matinee, "Pinafore"; Evening, "The Belle of New York"; Monday, "Geisha"; Tuesday, "Runaway Girl"; Wednesday Matinee, "Gaiety Girl"; Evening, "An American Millionaire." Prices: Reserved, 75c. and 50c.; unreserved, 25c. Matinees: Adults, 50c.; children, 25c. Reservations at the Theatre. Phone 1122.

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TERRIBLE DISASTER

Steamer Wrecked on West Coast--One Hundred Lives Reported to Have Been Lost.

Word was received this afternoon by Captain Gaudin, agent of the Marine and Fisheries, to the effect that a large passenger vessel has been wrecked on the West Coast, some five or six miles north of Carmanah.

This message comes from the station at Cloo'ose and states that the information is given by a party of nine of the survivors who arrived at Telegraph Huts, a small settlement a short distance from the scene of the terrible disaster.

According to the report the vessel carried a large number of passengers, the majority of whom lost their lives. It is estimated that one hundred persons perished.

The above appalling news was received by Captain Gaudin just before three o'clock and at time of going to press it is impossible to further verify it, or to ascertain the name of the vessel which foundered.

The Queen City left last night, and would be in the waters mentioned, but it was evidently not her, as she did not carry nearly that complement of passengers.

The other vessel about which fears will be entertained is the Valencia, of the Pacific Coast line, which was due here last night from San Francisco. Owing to the wires to the coast being down no further details, however, could be ascertained by her agents or the Times up to the time of publication of this edition.

Another edition will follow.

DROP IN SKINS.

Prices at Yesterday's Sale in Seal Market Show Reduction in Quotations.

Wall street itself is no more fickle and changeable than is at times the big fur market wherein the sealskins of this and other coasts are annually offered at auction. In the sales of December, when the bulk of the fur from this city was sold, prices were obtained of an exceptional character. They were higher than ever obtained in the history of the sealing industry in modern times. The market was described as very firm, due supposedly to the unsettled conditions in Russia and to a limited catch. These conditions have not since been reversed or even altered, yet, according to news received yesterday, the remaining pelts on the market were knocked down at prices 15 per cent. lower than were obtained at the December sales. There were fortunately only comparatively few to be sold, but this had no effect in producing the result desired. There appears now to be no accounting for the downward tendency in quotations, and the sale yesterday only serves to prove once more the uncertainty regarding any index of the market situation viewed from this distance.

In the Malay Peninsula is to be found the smallest coin in the world. It is a wafer made from the resinous juice of a tree, its value being estimated at one-thousandth of our penny.

THE BOISE TRAGEDY.

Ollie Powell, Shot by Wealthy Miner, Is Dead—Two Other Victims in Critical Condition.

(Associated Press.)

Boise, Idaho, Jan. 23.—Ollie Powell, one of the four persons shot here yesterday by Henry Neuebaumer, a wealthy Alaskan miner, who later killed himself to avoid being taken by the police, died early to-day. Death resulted from seven buckshot wounds in the abdomen. Lafayette Gray, the youth for whom Ollie Powell jilted the miner, is not expected to live through the day. He also suffered buckshot wounds in the abdomen. His mother, Mrs. Robert Gray is in a critical condition from buckshot wounds in the abdomen. Young Gray's sister, Lillian, the fourth person shot down by Neuebaumer, will recover. She is wounded in the right side and the right arm.

An inquest over the body of Neuebaumer was held to-day. The evidence produced left no doubt that Neuebaumer's maniacal desire to kill was due to the Powell girl's course in deserting him for young Gray after Neuebaumer had lavished presents on her and spent his money to give her an education.

HAS FREE HAND.

(Associated Press.)

Paris, Jan. 23.—President Loubet presided to-day at a cabinet council held in the Elysee Palace at which Premier Rouvier announced that he had received a communication from Ambassador Jusserand to the effect that the United States did not consider a French naval demonstration against Venezuela to be a violation against the Monroe doctrine. France, it is pointed out, thus has her hands free, but the situation is unchanged for the moment as the council will not take decisive action until the report of M. Taigny, the former charge d'affaires at Caracas, is received.

The foreign office has received confirmation of the press report that the dean of the diplomatic corps and other ministers at Caracas has unsuccessfully demanded explanations from the Venezuelan government with reference to their position after the Taigny incident,

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FORMER POST OFFICE PLACED UPON MARKET

Historic Building is Being Offered For Sale by Dominion Government --Tenders Invited.

The Dominion government is offering the old post office building, Government street, for sale, tenders to be received up to February 16th, from those wishing to obtain the property. Since the construction of the handsome new building near James Bay the structure formerly used as a post office and custom's house has been converted into a commercial block, stores being rented to local merchants by the Federal authorities. It is understood that the reason it has been decided to dispose of the property is that the government does not care to engage in indirect competition in the business of the community.

This old building has quite a history, having been a landmark years before British Columbia was taken into confederation. Since then it has been practically rebuilt several times, and is now just as substantial as the most exacting inspector could desire. In fact it has been stated by those having a thorough knowledge of architecture that it would be possible to add several stories without the slightest danger. Thus the purchaser will be in a position to add to the value of the building to a considerable extent should Victoria enjoy that prosperity during the next few years, which even the least sanguine predict.

It would possibly be of interest to Victorians to know that the investigations instituted by Wm. Henderson, of the Dominion public works department, disclosed the fact that there is no valid deed available for the property in question. This rather odd situation was brought about as a result of confederation. When British Columbia, previously a distinct crown colony, was made a part of the Dominion, all public reserves, including post office and customs house sites, parks, etc., were turned over to the Federal authorities in bulk. The latter then deeded the parks and other properties, coming under the direct jurisdiction of the provincial government, back to the newly formed province. Of course the Victoria post office site and building was a part of that yielded, and, as the Dominion took direct control of the postal and customs services, the property was not deeded back, as was the case with other reserves. Therefore when a search was made for the deed of the property, no trace of such a thing was discovered until, finally, the crown deed was raked from the archives. Although this is out of date and may be held by some to be invalid, it at least establishes the claim to the property which is all that the authorities desire.

Some time after confederation Chas. Hayward was given the contract to reconstruct the post office. He did so, building the structure which now occupies so prominent a site upon Government street, and which has been placed upon the market.

A PRESENTATION.

Master Gunner Mulcahy Recipient of Token of Gratitude—The Address.

After drill on Wednesday last the boys of St. Mary's college presented their physical instructor, Master Gunner A. Mulachy, with a handsome set of silver mounted hair brushes, and the following address, which was read by one of the pupils:

Honored Sir:—To follow a time-honored custom to remember at this season our benefactors, I have the honor and the pleasure to present to you, sir, in the name of my comrades, this humble token of gratitude for the great interest you have taken in advancing us in the knowledge and practice of physical culture. We take advantage of this occasion to extend to you, sir, the best wishes of the season.

SETON LAKE HATCHERY.

Commissioner Babcock Contradicts Alarmist Reports Regarding It.

A report is in circulation in Vancouver that the take of salmon eggs in the Seton lake hatchery will be a complete loss. This is contradicted emphatically by J. P. Babcock, the fishery commissioner for the province. When seen this morning Mr. Babcock said that there would be a considerable loss of eggs, but it would not be phenomenally large.

In explanation the fishery commissioner said that there were employed of necessity during the season of taking the ova a large number of men, who were absolutely untrained. He says also that in some instances it was found necessary to discharge some of these men for their inability to attend to their duties.

With green men there was necessarily some trouble in getting the best results. The loss has, therefore, been heavier than would otherwise have been the case.

In spite of all, however, Mr. Babcock says the loss will not reach 15 per cent. This, according to the record at some hatcheries on the continent is not a large loss. Mr. Babcock, however, thinks it higher than under proper conditions it should be.

All the reports from the hatchery, he said, are to the effect that everything is progressing satisfactorily, and the fry are doing well.

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LOCAL NEWS

—Tug Czar is being sent down the coast to-day to tow the American schooner M. Turner to Victoria.

—A royal salute was fired from the barracks at Work Point yesterday, the occasion being the fifth anniversary of the ascension of King Edward VII.

—The sad news of the death of his brother, J. Reda was received by L. Reda, proprietor of the Grand Pacific hotel, today. He passed away at Balcock, Ore., as a result of injuries received in a mine explosion on the 21st inst. Deceased was 48 years of age and a native of Italy. The remains will be sent here for interment at Ross Bay cemetery.

—Members of the Royal Templars of Temperance will hold a meeting, commencing at 8 o'clock this evening, at the A. O. U. W. hall. The principal business will be the installation of officers. It is expected that J. W. Mutholland, grand organizer, and W. H. Gibson, grand counsellor, will be present. A full attendance is requested.

—The Chinese theatre has been taken over by a new management and for a month, starting to-night, a first-class show is promised. A Vancouver company will occupy the boards, and a special effort will be made to provide an entertainment of merit owing to the fact that Chinese New Year will be celebrated from to-morrow until next week. Those who have never seen a Chinese performance should make a point of attending.

—A meeting of the Victoria Musical Society will be held in Waitt's hall tomorrow evening, when rules and regulations will be discussed. All members of the recent "Elijah" chorus, the members of the late Victoria Choral Union and those wishing to join the chorus or orchestra are cordially invited to attend. An announcement respecting the society's programme for the current season will be made.

—Victorians who exhibited at the poultry and cage show in Vancouver last week were very successful. The entries at the show numbered in all over 1,000, and competition was very strong. In partridge wyandottes W. A. Jameson of this city took a couple of prizes. In the brown leghorns, B. B. Moore, also of Victoria, took three prizes. S. Y. Wootton captured honors in white leghorns and buff orpingtons, Quick Bros. in buff, black and white orpingtons, and J. Jennings in buff orpingtons.

—Herbert Cuthbert, secretary of the Victoria Tourist Association, expects to leave for Salt Lake City this evening to attend the "See America First" convention, which opens on Thursday next, and to which every governor of the United States, besides representatives of various tourist associations on the Pacific slope are invited. The object of the convention is to promote travel from the east to the coast, and divert the millions now spent by tourists who annually visit Europe to the Pacific Coast. Mr. Cuthbert will take with him an abundance of advertising literature, and will distribute this to the best advantage.

—Prospective customers of pleasure launches will do well to call at the Hinton Electric Company, Ltd., 29 Government street, and inspect the new "Lozier" motors they have just imported. The thoroughly successful performance of several thousand of these motors has proved them a most desirable form of power for both pleasure and working boats. As a rule the owner of a motor boat desires to avoid the noise and odor from the exhaust of the motor. Lozier motors are the only two cycle motors which have attracted wide attention by heir noiselessness of operation. A critical examination of the motors is invited. They are practical and simple, and every part may be gotten at instantly.

—D. B. Jerrue, owner of the Grand View hotel, at Svaien Santa, Catalina Island, who has large business interests in Los Angeles, spent yesterday in the city. He was the guest of C. A. Harrison, proprietor of the Driard, and by him was shown around the city. So charmed is he with Victoria htat he purposes, if possible, to arrange when returning to Los Angeles for a big excursion to come by special steamer during the month of May. Mr. Jerrue said: "On my return I shall lay the matter before my friends and business associates who are members of the board of trade, merchants' and manufacturers' association and the Los Angeles chamber of commerce, and get their endorsation. These associations are wide-awake and progressive, they represent the best in the city, and once the matter was in their hands it would be carried through to a success, and so help the attendance at your annual celebration, when I understand, Victoria is at its best."

PERSONAL.

W. J. McKay, Mrs. H. Smith and Mrs. Norcross, of Duncans, and Mr. and Mrs. W. Smith, of Chemainus, are at the Dominion.

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Josiah Collins, of Seattle; T. F. Snyder, of Chicago; and W. Holden and Frank W. Willier, of Vancouver, were among yesterday's arrivals at the Driard.

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Chas. Uddel, of Seattle, representing the Ancient Order of Aryans, is paying Victoria a visit in the interests of the craft.

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John P. Redding, of Nelson, is in town and registered at the Driard.

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MERCHANTS AND RAILWAY.

(Special to the Times.)

Vancouver Jan. 23.—The C. P. R. boycott will be raised this afternoon if the merchants take the advice of a special committee who have lately been handling affairs. The meeting is to be held at 5 o'clock to-day.

TROUBLE IN CHINA.

Taxation Scheme Threaten to Lead to Serious Results.

Canton, Jan. 23.—Serious trouble threatens to break out as a result of the viceroy's scheme for taxation in order to raise revenue for the construction of the Canton-Kankow railroad. The merchan guilds are determined on a retaliatory strike, and the viceroy threatens the leaders with decapitation.

The three Chinese gunboats have been summoned here from Shanghai.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Tenders for Supplies

Up to 4 p. m. on Monday, the 29th inst., separate tenders will be received for the various items of supplies for the current year in list following, viz.:

1. GROCERIES.
2. BUTCHERS' MEAT.
3. MILK.
4. BREAD.
5. DRUGS AND MEDICINES, ETC.
6. FORAGE.
7. LUMBER.
8. NAILS.
9. CASTINGS AND SIDEWALK DOORS, ETC.
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11. CORDWOOD.
12. TEAMING OF COAL FOR NORTH DAIRY AND YATES STREET.
13. HYDRANTS.
14. SYPHONS.

All tenders must be addressed to the undersigned, sealed and endorsed "Tender for Supplies."

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WM. W. NORTHCOTT,
Purchasing Agent for the Corporation of the City of Victoria.
City Hall,
Victoria, B.C., Jan. 23rd, 1906.

Sealed tenders, addressed to the undersigned and endorsed "Tender for Purchase of Old Post Office Property, Government Street, Victoria, B. C.," will be received at this office until Friday, February 16th, 1906, inclusively, for the purchase of the old Post Office building and lot, on Government street, Victoria, B. C.

Tenders must be accompanied by an accepted cheque on a chartered bank for the sum of two hundred dollars ($200), payable to the order of the Honorable the Minister of Public Works. The cheque will be returned in case of the non-acceptance of the tender, but will be forfeited if the person tendering decline to complete the purchase.

The Department does not bind itself to accept the highest or any tender.

By order.

FRED. GELINAS,
Secretary.
The Department of Public Works,
Ottawa, January 17th, 1906.

NOTICE

Tenders will be received at the office of the undersigned until Monday next, the 29th inst., at 4 p. m., for printing and binding the Annual Report of the Corporation for the year 1905.

Specification may be seen at this office.

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City Clerk's Office,
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STEAMER VALENCIA LOST OFF CAPE BEALE

PREPARATIONS FOR CHINES[E] NEW YEAR

ANNUAL FESTIVITIES COMMENCE TO-MORROW

Local Orientals Busy Arranging For Week's Holiday—Opening Fusilade Occurs at Midnight.

Chinese New Year, the period which Celestials throughout the world unite in celebrating, will be ushered in by local representatives of the Oriental kingdom with proper enthusiasm. Although the week of festivity does not open until after midnight, many were unable to restrain themselves and at intervals to-day the crackle of fire-crackers and the boom of tom-toms could be heard from the direction of that section below Johnson street, where is located Victoria's chinatown. From to-morrow until Tuesday of next week "joy will be unconfined" in this small but thickly populated settlement.

A Times representative prompted by curiosity and impelled by that ubiquitous spirit which is supposed to be dominant in all humble members of the fourth estate, took a stroll through Chinatown. The streets and alleys frequented the year round by innumerable natives of the Flowery Kingdom are never very "sweet" to the average Occidental visitor, but on this occasion there was a noticeable improvement. Happy smiles and genial laughter were met with on every hand, and that holiday spirit which invariably precedes a great national festivity pervaded the atmosphere.

The explanation of the elimination of many of the objectionable odors is to be found in the fact that one of the Chinese traditions is that streets, stores, etc., shall be made as clean as possible before the celebrations. This injunction the merchants were faithfully following, and contingents of workmen could be seen everywhere industriously scrubbing and brushing. Another interesting practice of the scrupulous Chinese business man is to pay all debts before the New Year. The collectors for all the larger firms are out making the final round-up to-day, and all those who would maintain their standing in the community will have "squared" themselves with the world before the town clock ceases tolling the midnight hour to-night.

The Chinaman's celebration does not differ to a material extent from that of the white man. It is true that the former is fond of the noise and confusion caused by the bursting of explosives, but, it is safe to say, that he is fonder of the feasting that always accompanies the festivity. In order to ensure his peace of mind and to satisfy his conscience, the devil must be given a thorough scare. That, however, is taken as a matter of course, and the other feature is to him by far the most pleasant. This trait of Oriental character was strikingly illustrated this morning.

While the reporter wandered aimlessly along he encountered an excited throng on one of the principal corners. The Chinamen were gathered in a large circle two or three feet deep, and kept up a perfect babble of conversation, accompanied by frantic gesticulations. Investigation proved that the attraction was seven or eight baskets filled with chickens, evidently doomed to grace the banquetting tables of those Chinamen sufficiently fortunate to be in a position to make the purchase. The peddlers apparently understood their advantage, and were bargaining with unmoved countenances, allowing the heckling of would-be purchasers to pass unnoticed until the latter in desperation agreed to the figure originally mentioned. Then the hapless chicken would be passed to its new owner despite its protests, and carried away in triumph.

Doubtless it will be disappointing for the average "small boy," very few of whom don't look forward to Chinese New Year, to learn that the delay in the arrival of the Empress from China will probably effect the generosity of their Oriental friends. From what can be learned there was a large consignment of fire-crackers, candy and ginger due to arrive on that vessel for the forthcoming celebration, and it will not reach here until after the festive period. Consequently the supply is much smaller than was expected, and it is a question whether the local merchants will have sufficient to indulge themselves to the excess generally considered necessary on such an occasion. Not only will this affect Victoria, but Chemainus, Ladysmith, Nanaimo, Vancouver, and, in fact, all the Chinamen of British Columbia and Sound points may have to limit their gifts, and perhaps even their own personal festivity.

There is no regular programme drafted by the local Chinamen. Those interested, however, may rely upon witnessing the usual peculiar Chinese religious services by visiting the local josh houses on any evening next week. There is one characteristic upon which the Chinaman deserves commendation, and that is the tolerant good nature with which he accepts the inquisitiveness of white strangers during his annual celebration. Every year the streets of Chinatown are thronged with visitors. They enter the stores and any establishment or house where the Chinamen are seen and wish them, people whom they would not recognize if they met again on the streets, a "Happy New Year." Some of the more conservative Chinese have in recent years adopted the plan of locking their doors, but in the majority of cases the self-invited visitors are made welcome, treated to whatever there may happen to be upon the refreshment table, and sent away with a larger idea of Oriental hospitality. In return the least that could be done by the entertained would be to make a point of seeing that their hosts are not subjected to the petty annoyances of past years during their forthcoming holiday.

CHICAGO DEMONSTRATION.

To Commemorate St. Petersburg "Red Sunday"—Roosevelt's Name Hissed.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 23.—A thousand men and women carrying red flags last night marched through slush, sleet and wind in a parade to commemorate St. Petersburg "Red Sunday" of a year ago. The parade ended at a hall where a meeting was held. The world's rulers were called Emissaries of the evil one, and President Roosevelt was hissed when mentioned by Seymour Stedman in connection with the sending of condolences on the assassination of Sergius. When the collection was taken Chairman Thos. J. Morgan announced, "This money will be sent to the International bureau at Brussels, and from there to Russia to help widows and orphans of the slain and, if necessary, to buy dynamite."

WEATHER VERY SEVERE IN NORTH

A WOOD FAMINE IS REPORTED AT DAWSON

Unoccupied Cabins are Being Torn Down For Fuel—Horses Die From the Cold.

White Horse, Jan. 23.—With the temperature 70 below there is a wood famine at Dawson. The police will not allow horses out to haul wood. Unoccupied cabins are being torn down and used for fuel. Warm storage men are in danger of heavy losses by freezing. The coldest weather in the history of the Yukon is now prevailing throughout the territory.

The White Pass railroad is operating trains daily. The stage line between White Horse and Dawson is tied up because of horses freezing their lungs, and they drop dead if taken out.

The temperatures all along the Yukon river during the last three days range from 65 to 80 below zero.

No fatalities are reported, but there are many cases of frozen feet, hands and faces.

The new town of Conrad, near Windy Arm silver and gold mines, promises to be the busiest point in the north during the coming summer.

KILLED IN PANIC.

Eighteen Negroes Crushed to Death or Suffocated in Church in Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Jan. 22.—A wild panic following a loud shriek of "Fire" brought death to eighteen colored persons and injuries to nearly two score of others last night in St. Paul's Baptist church, on west side of Eighth street, between Poplar street and Girard avenue.

The terrible rush to gain the street was of brief duration, and that more were not killed in the stampede probably was due to the fact that the church was not crowded.

At the time the disaster occurred not more than 300 persons were on the second floor of the building, which, with the gallery, was capable of accommodating 600 to 700 persons.

The fire was a trifling one and was extinguished before the firemen arrived.

The smell of smoke added to the panic, and despite the heroic work of Rev. Mr. Johnson, pastor of the church, who tried in vain to allay the fears of the frightened worshippers, the terror-stricken negroes made a rush to leave the church, only to be choked up in the narrow stairway. Those in the rear leaped over the prostrate forms of those who fell, and when the rush was over eighteen lay dead on the first floor and stairs of the building. Death in nearly every case was due to suffocation or trampling.

THE REMINGTON EXPLOSION.

Ensign Charles T. Wade Has Been Acquitted.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 22.—Ensign Charles T. Wade, charged with responsibility for the explosion of the gunboat Bennington in San Diego harbor, California, some months ago, has been acquitted by the court-martial in his case.

6 o'Clock Edition

Fine Passenger Vessel Bound for Victoria Goes Down to Destruction.

The Loss of Life Is Estimated at Between Fifty and Sixty Lives.

Final tally 136.

The splendid passenger steamer Valencia, bound from San Francisco for Victoria, is ashore and in bad straits on the west coast of Vancouver Island.

About sixty lives have been lost.

There are about one hundred people on board.

The vessel is in urgent need of assistance.

The Salvor left this afternoon for the scene from Esquimalt. A Times staff correspondent is on board.

Capt. Troup, on the tug Czar, has also gone to the scene of the disaster.

When the regular edition of the Times was published at 4 o'clock this afternoon a very meagre telegram had been received from Clo-oose indicating that a marine disaster of appalling magnitude had taken place off Cape Beale.

This message did not give the name of the vessel, but merely reported the arrival of nine men at telegraph huts with the intelligence that a vessel had been lost and a hundred lives lost.

The excited operator did not even give the name of the craft which had gone to destruction, and it was not until three-quarters of an hour afterwards that the identity of the vessel or the nature of the disaster which had overtaken her could be obtained.

In the meantime a great deal of speculation was indulged in and terrible apprehension felt by those who were expecting friends on any of the inbound fleet.

The second message received was a little more explicit, and while reducing the fatalities detracts little from the horror of the accident for it leaves in doubt the ultimate fate even of those who may not have perished in the earlier stages of the disaster.

This second message was addressed to Capt. Gaudin, the receiver of wrecks, was from T. Patterson, and read as follows:

"Cape Beale, 3.30.—Steamer Valencia ashore in bad place. One hundred on board. Rush assistance. Six men just arrived. Between fifty and sixty drowned.

"T. PATTERSON, lightkeeper."

This was the message which, running like an electric current along the waterfront, set every man, who has been to sea, and who knows the significance of the message, aquiver.

Already, anticipating some such such hurry call, the steamer Salvor, which lies at Esquimalt with steam up ready for just such an emergency, had gathered her men together, and in a very short time after the posting of the second dispatch she was heading for sea under a full head of steam and bound for the scene of the wreck. She will reach the spot some time during the night, and is well equipped to afford the succor in which the Valencia stands in such need.

Not only this, but the tug Czar, with Capt. Troup on board, is also hurrying to the scene.

It is quite possible that the steamer Queen City, which left here last night, and which will be in Alberni or vicinity to-night, may turn about on reaching there and go to the Valencia.

The spot for which the Salvor and Czar are heading is Pachana Bay, an inlet well known to navigators and lying midway between Clo-oose and Cape Beale. Here the sea extends inward for a distance of about half a mile. The bay is almost land-locked, but at the entrance is a dangerous reef known as the Sea Bird Rocks. It is upon these that the Valencia has probably come to grief.

The Scene of the Wreck.

Capt. Gaudin, when asked his opinion as to the probable scene of the wreck, said it was possibly at Pachena Bay, which is about half way between Clo-oose and Cape Beale. Separating these two points is a stretch of coast line probably ten miles long. Slightly nearer Cape Beale than Clo-oose is a bay known as Pachena, at the entrance to which are the famous Sea Bird rocks, notorious by reason of the fact that on them the steamer Michigan was wrecked seven or eight years ago, and that they mark the scene of other disasters which will readily be recalled by shipping men of this city.

It was on these rocks that Capt. Gaudin believes that the Valencia struck. The rocks stand out bold and treacherously, and as they stand on the way of the open Pacific swell at a point where current and wind seem to concentrate their greatest force, a landing, unless under most favorable circumstances, for the poor unfortunate on the steamer would appear impossible. If, as is thought, the ship came to grief in this locality, she would be nearer Cape Beale than Clo-oose, and this fact probably accounts for the survivors reaching Cape Beale.

"In the absence of information it is difficult to conjecture what brought the steamer off her course," said Capt. Gaudin, "but it is my opinion that with a strong southerly gale blowing at the rate of 50 or 60 miles an hour and the great current sweeping in towards the coast have been responsible for the steamer getting off her course."

A Gale Blowing.

At the meteorological station the information has been received that there has been a very heavy wind blowing for the past two days. From the mouth of the Columbia river at 5 o'clock this morning the velocity was 50 miles an hour. The wind was blowing from a southerly direction and all along the coast the storm seemed to prevail. As far north as Port Simpson a wind of a velocity of 40 miles an hour is reported. It was probably this gale, coupled with a broken shaft or some similar auxiliary disability which is responsible for the disaster.

The Queen Sails for Wreck.

The steamer Queen, of the Pacific Coast line, left this afternoon at five o'clock for the scene of the disaster. She should reach the Valencia wreck by about 10 o'clock. Whatever assistance can be rendered will then be given by the Queen, and any survivors will be brought to the city by her.

KILLED BY SNOWSLIDE.

Five Italian Miners Perished in Colorado—Railways Are Blocked.

(Associated Press.)

Silverton, Col., Jan. 23.—Five Italian miners employed at the Sunnyside mine lost their lives in an immense snow slide late yesterday afternoon. No particulars or the names of the men can be obtained as the telephone line is down and communication of all kinds destroyed.

No trains from Durango and Denver have arrived here since last Wednesday, due to slides and immense drifts of snow, which have blocked the tracks.

There are eleven slides between Silverton and Elkpark. The slides average from seven to thirty feet deep, and from 500 to 600 wide. The storm, which has about spent its force, has been one of the worst ever known in this section.

Buried by Avalanche.

Salt Lake, Jan. 22.—The last of the six bodies buried by the snow slide at Alta Friday night has been recovered. Since communication with the mining camp has been restored it has been learned that the avalanche came about midnight. It swept a half mile before striking a boarding house and adjoining saloon, in which the men were sleeping. Both buildings were wrecked, and the former was completely hidden from view.

Three of the five men sleeping in the saloon managed to crawl from under the debris and snow, and attired only in their night clothing, worked for hours in an effort to rescue their comrades. Their feet were frozen.

SERIOUS UPRISING IN BESSARABIA

MANY PERSONS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN KILLED

Local Officials Made Prisoners by Mob—Resumption of Hostilities Between Armenians and Tartars

(Associated Press.)

Bender, Bessarabia, Jan. 23.—There is a serious uprising in the vicinity of Tamerat, a Bulgarian colony. The entire population has risen and made prisoners of the local authorities. The vice-governor, who set out with a squadron of dragoons and two guns, encountered a mob of 15,000, many of whom were armed. The vice-governor immediately sent for reinforcements and machine guns.

It is reported that many persons have been killed in the neighboring valleys.

More Fighting.

Elizabethpol, Trans-Caucasia, Jan. 23.—Hostilities have been resumed between the Armenians and the Tartars. A band of Tartars yesterday attacked the military patrols, but were dispersed by the artillery.

EMBARGO ON CATTLE.

Austria-Hungary Has Taken Action Against Servia.

(Associated Press.)

Vienna, Jan. 23.—The closing of the Austro-Hungarian frontier against the importation of Servian cattle into Austro-Hungary is clearly an aggressive movement for the purpose of making Servia understand that Austria-Hungary is firmly opposed to the proposed neutral customs union of the Balkan states. Ninety per cent. of the Servian cattle are marketed in Austro-Hungary.

FIGHT INTERRUPTED.

Officials of Club Feared Collapse of Seats and Contest Was Called Off.

(Associated Press.)

Chelsea, Mass., Jan. 23.—A scheduled 15-round bout between Benny Yanger, of Chicago, and Kid Goodman, at the Douglas A. C. was stopped last night at the end of the 12th round by order of the club officials, who claimed that one of the tiers of seats was insecure. The referee called the fight a draw. Up to that time Yanger had the best of the contest. He did all the leading except in the fifth and ninth rounds. Depuy Chief Neil, of the state police, was present.

PETITIONS FROM ALASKANS.

Seattle, Jan. 23.—A petition has been sent to President Roosevelt by a number of Alaskans in the city asking that Judge James Wickersham, of the United States District court of Washington, be appointed governor of Alaska.

RAILWAY TRAFFIC DELAYED.

Hinton, W. Va., Jan. 23.—Heavy rains caused landslides near Hinton on the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad, which will likely tie up traffic all day. A freight train is standing in four feet of water in Big Bend tunnel ten miles east of Hinton.

CLAIM CAPTAIN WAS INCOMPETENT

CHARGES MADE BY SURVIVORS OF WRECK

Complaints Formally Preferred by Members of King David's Crew to Lloyds' Agent.

The inevitable aftermath of every disaster at sea, has followed the loss of the King David on the West Coast of Vancouver Island, in the form of specific complaints against some of the officers of the vessel. These complaints have been formally preferred to Lloyd's agent here, Capt. J. G. Cox, and will go forward with his comments on the same, to the proper authorities in the old land. Under the shipping code no facilities of a legal character seem to exist on this coast under which a board of inquiry could be created, and the accident investigated excepting on the complaint of the captain, or of some passenger. The board of trade in Great Britain (the King David was of British register) can deal with the matter, but all the witnesses, practically, will remain on this coast, and their evidence would not be available at the proceedings of such a court.

Two of the men who helped to man the unfortunate vessel, able seamen named Ed. Hay, and J. O. Flaherty, respectively, are responsible for the charges which have been filed with Lloyd's agent. The former claims to be a native of Tennessee, and to have followed the sea for twenty-six years in all kinds of craft from the fishing schooners plying out of Gloucester and Nova Scotia ports, to the deep sea vessels which traverse the southern seas. He claims, too, to have served as mate of a number of the coasting vessels mentioned.

His companion, Flaherty, is a native of Ireland, and claims to be a naval reserve man, although his experience in the navy seems to have been acquired in the engine room, rather than before the mast. He states that he served in the Terrible on one of her commissions, and in other vessels of the royal navy.

These men claim that the captain's story, as related on his arrival in Victoria, is misleading. They question that officer's ability to handle a ship, criticize his second mate, Edwards, who they state was taken out of the forecastle at Salinas Cruz, and had only served a year and a half at sea, and broadly suggest that there is no reason why the King David should have been castaway. They claim that the vessel has one puncture only in her hull, between the main and mizzen masts, and could be floated quite easily.

They state that the land was sighted on the 10th when on the off-shore tack. At four they wore ship and stood in for two hours. The weather was then so thick they could not see land, so they stood off. At 9.30 breakers were sighted on the lee bow, and orders given to wear ship, when there was no room to wear. The vessel was already among the breakers. She passed over an outer reef in safety, and skirting the edge of an inner one dropped anchor at the eastern end. There was eight fathoms of water and plenty of swinging room. Here they remained until the 13th.

On the 13th there was a "whole sail" breeze, but the weather was fine. There was no chance of sailing out as the wind was E. N. E., but the captain ordered that anchor be heaved. The chain jumped the windlass, and the vessel was carried onto the reef.

Most of the crew were for going ashore, and one boat was employed in taking them to land, the captain refusing permission to lower the port lifeboat. All came ashore but the captain and first officer. The latter came ashore the next day, and on the fifteenth the captain hoisted a flag, which was the signal that he desired to come ashore. He also was then taken off.

Hay and Flaherty complain of bad treatment by the captain, and declare that the boat in which the first officer and his men started for Cape Beale was in bad shape, and was taking water so fast that it had to be kept clear by bailing while it was being provisioned. Hay and another seaman started along the beach in the direction of Nootka, from which point they had [illegible] smoke, but they did not reach their destination, travelling being very difficult. Hay also claims that [illegible] on this trip was [illegible].

Wolfstein, the first officer, he thinks, perished with his men as he headed well out to sea, and did not follow the coast line, as he thinks would have been the proper course. He thinks their boat foundered under the heavy seas.

A number of the crew will remain on the coast, and will seek employment with the shipping plying out of this and neighboring ports.

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TWO CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH

THROUGH EXPLOSION OF BOTTLE OF GASOLINE

Prince Arthur Accepts Invitation to Visit Toronto Horse Show—Strike of Copper.

Ottawa, Jan. 22.—Two children, aged 1 and 3 years, were burnt to a crisp at Hintonburg through the explosion of a bottle of gasoline with which an elder sister was cleaning furs. The latter was severely injured.

Will Visit Toronto.

Ottawa, Jan. 22.—His Royal Highness Prince Arthur of Connaught has accepted an invitation to attend the Toronto horse show in April.

Copper Discovery.

Port Arthur, Jan. 22.—A wonderful strike of copper is reported from near Cloud bay, samples of ore assaying 26 per cent. pure metal. The vein is both deep and wide, and is regarded as a continuation of the famous one which made the upper peninsula famous as a copper producer.

Destroyed by Fire.

Swan River, Man., Jan. 22.—Van Sukil's bakery and the offices of Beattie & Co., bankers, and B. Bothwell, barrister, were burned to-day, entailing a loss of about $3,000; insurance, $800.

Lost His Team.

Saskatoon, Jan. 22.—F. J. Hart, while driving across the prairie near here at night, lost his team in an open well.

Died From Injuries.

Frank, Alberta, Jan. 22.—A young Englishman named Jenkins, employed on the Grassy Mountain railway, who had his back broken in an accident six weeks ago, has just succumbed to his injuries.

Fatal Fall.

Winnipeg, Jan. 22.—An Icelandic laborer fell down the elevator shaft of the new C. P. R. hotel to-day while attempting to descend on a rope from the fourth storey. His back was broken and he succumbed shortly afterwards in the hospital.

THE "ALL RED ROUTE."

Around the World By Canadian Pacific Railway and Steamboats.

St. John, N. B., Jan. 22.—Among the passengers sailing for Liverpool by the steamship Lake Champlain on Saturday were Master Fred Shaughnessy and his tutor, Mr. C. F. Anstey. They had come by the C. P. R. express from Montreal and are starting on a trip around the world under circumstances of unusual interest. The trip will take about four months, during which time they will be continually under the British flag.

What is still more novel, however, is the fact that their entire route around the globe will be made on the regular rail and steamship lines of a single transportation company, and that company a Canadian corporation.' The tickets which are no more pretentious in size than an ordinary excursion ticket, read as being good for passage "from Montreal, Canada, to Montreal, Canada, via St. John, Liverpool, Capetown, Singapore, Hongkong, Yokohama and Vancouver, by C. P. R. and steamship lines," and so complete is the form that even the runs of the conductors across the continent are clearly shown. The tickets are self-explaining as to the method by which this remarkable feat will be accomplished.

Reaching Liverpool by the C. P. R. steamship Lake Champlain the travelers will take from that port another C. P. R. steamer, the Monteagle, to Hongkong, where they are due to arrive on April 8th next. The Monteagle is a vessel of 5,500 tons, which is being transferred to the Pacific fleet owing to the growth of Oriental trade. In the installation of this new line, the C. P. R. has completed the last link in an all-round-the-world service, unique in character and far-reaching in importance. Added to the Atlantic and Pacific steamship services of the company, it enables the C. P. R. to provide a continuous journey, including its railway service, of almost 20,000 miles, girdling the earth, touching four continents and ploughing the waters of "seven seas."

From Hongkong the voyagers will return to Vancouver by the Empress of India and across the continent by rail to Montreal, arriving there on May 13th next, and thus completing what will certainly be a record trip. Never before has it been possible for a single transportation company to write a ticket of this kind exclusively over its own lines, and the fact that Canada has led the way in this respect is but another evidence of the rapid commercial development of the Dominion.

SEVERE STORM.

Chicago Street Car Lines Almost Out of Commission—Several Mills Closed.

Chicago, Jan. 22.—A severe storm of alternating rain and sleet and snow which commenced just before midnight last night caused one of the worst tie-ups this city has known in many years. But few telegragh wires were working out of the city to-day in any direction. There being no communication whatever with the East. Inside the city the telephone communication was badly crippled and street car lines were almost out of commission. The elevated roads were still greater sufferers. Many passengers on the Aurora line were compelled to remain all night in the depots when the road ceased operations on account of the storm. Large commission brokerage houses which ordinarily use from 20 to 30 wires leading to all parts of the country were unable to send a message to anywhere and were without advices from other parts of the country.

The weather bureau announced that the storm was moving slowly eastward with the centre just north of Indianapolis. It was predicted that the area of the low barometer would surely move eastward, although the precipitation might be expected in this section for another 24 hours. The railways seem to be in a better condition to contend against the sleet and snow than the electric lines which were at times during the day in desperate straits. On some of the lines running east from here hundreds of miles of railroad wires were down, and the dispatchers were having a trying time in moving trains in the outlying sections of the city to enable people to reach their places of employment. The great steel mills in South Chicago were barely able to muster enough men to operate all of their departments early in the day, and for some time some of them were closed down.

Trains Delayed.

Dallas, Tex., Jan. 22.—A cold wave accompanied by snow is sweeping over north Texas to-day. Trains are delayed and all communication is interrupted.

Wires Down.

St. Louis, Jan. 22.—A blanket of sleet two inches thick covered the grounds this morning with a temperature of 16 above and a fine sleet blowing. Street car traffic was delayed. Telegraphic communication with Chicago and points east of St. Louis ceased at 8 o'clock, and three hours later had not been resumed. At the telegraph office it was stated that communication was being arranged east of here in a slow round about fashion, but that service was badly delayed. West of St. Louis telegraphic communication was established with some litle interference.

OLD COUNTRY ELECTIONS.

Returns Continue to Show Gains By the Liberals.

London, Jan. 22.—The Liberal gains continue, Hon. Robert W. Peel, son and heir of Viscount Peel and grandson of Sir Robert Peel, was defeated for the Harrow division of Middlesex to-day by the Liberal candidate. The seats are now distributed as follows: Liberals, 262; Unionists, 177; Nationalists, 79; Laborites, 42.

Ants have brains larger in proportion to the size of their bodies than any other living creature.

THE RUSSIAN LOAN.

Government Awaits Outcome of the Moroccan Conference—Uprisings Planned Abroad.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 22.—A prominent official of the ministry of finance said yesterday that the government was waiting for the conclusion of the Moroccan conference before resuming the negotiations for a loan, which were interrupted in October. Should the outcome of the conference be peaceful the government anticipates little difficulty in obtaining a loan, even should the national assembly be not convoked when the financial negotiations are resumed. The prospects throughout the country are much brighter with the collapse of the armed revolt and the progress made in restoring order.

The official admitted, however, that Russia would have to pay a high rate of interest for a loan, but cash was necessary. The receipts from taxes and customs, over which apprehension had been expressed in the budget report, were most encouraging. The importations were heavy in order to escape the higher duties of the new tariff, which becomes effective March 1st, and the peasants, who paid the government practically nothing during the past few months, are now resuming payments.

A new general armed uprising had been scheduled for January 22nd, but the premature explosions at Moscow and elsewhere have found the military so loyal that the revolutionists have changed their minds. Minor rioting might be attempted, and, in fact, the police have learned of an attack on several postal telegraph stations in the suburbs and have taken measures to put down any such rioting with the utmost severity. The police did not even expect the one-day strike to begin in St. Petersburg, as there were too many idle men, and the others were afraid to risk losing their positions in midwinter.

The authorities have evidence that the uprisings and terrorism in Russia were largely organized abroad. The bombthrower arrested at Odessa has been identified as a Parisian, who was under surveillance by the French authorities on account of activity in the international anarchist movement having its origin in Paris. The leaders shot were mostly of foreign origin.

ANOTHER RECORD.

Boundary Mines Sent 25,971 Tons of Ore to Smelters During Week.

Phoenix, Jan. 20.—A new record was rolled up by the Boundary mines and smelters. This week's output of the several shipping mines was: Granby mines to Granby smelter, 16,708 tons; Mother Lode to B. C. Copper smelter, 3,424 tons; Brooklyn Stemwinder to Dominion Copper smelter, 2,790 tons; Rawhide to Dominion Copper smelter, 420 tons; Sunset to Dominion Copper smelter, 1,716 tons; Emma to Nelson and B. C. Copper smelters, 363 tons; Oro Denoro to Granby smelter, 510 tons; Providence to Trail smelter, 40 tons; total shipments for the week, 25,971 tons; for the year, 54,476 tons.

Boundary's three smelters treated this week: Granby smelter, 17,020 tons; B. C. Copper smelter, 31,653 tons; Dominion Copper smelter, 4,927 tons; total for the week, 26,000 tons; total for the year to date, 58,172 tons.

NEGRO LYNCHED.

Hopkinsville, Ky., Jan. 22.—A mob of 300 men on Sunday morning took Ernest B. Kirer, a negro, from the county jail and hanged him from a beam of the city scales near the court house in the centre of the city. Saturday night Kirer attempted a criminal assault on Mary Gentry.

DELAYED BY FOG.

New York, Jan. 22.—New York harbor was practically fog bound to-day, the mist being so dense that no craft entered or left the harbor. Several Atlantic liners, inward bound, are anchored outside of Sandy Hook bar.

A CLOUD BURST.

Nashville, Jan. 22.—Parts of Huntsville, Ala., were flooded to-day by a cloud burst. Many houses were inundated, bridges washed away and electric railway traffic stopped. No loss of life is reported.

THE ECUADOR REVOLT.

Guayaquil Has Surrendered—Situation Is Reported Quiet.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 22.—The state department has received a brief cablegram from Guayaquil, Ecuador, announcing the surrender of Guayaquil, and saying the situation is quiet. The cablegram contains no further details.

RUSSIAN GREEK CHURCH.

Reformers May Follow the Council Summoned by the Metropolitan.

(Associated Press Correspondence.)

St. Petersburg, Jan. 12.—The invitation of Emperor Nicholas to the Metropolitan Antonius, president of the Holy Synod, to convene an extraordinary church council to consider reforms in the organization of the national church will assemble the first conference of the kind since the patriarshate of Niken in 1654 and the Emperor's determination to call it may signify the restoration of the apostolic control of the Russian Greek church and the downfall of the secular authority and bureaucracy restrictions brought about by Mr. Pobedesteff.

The discussion of the desirability of changes in the church government of Russia was originally begun in a special meeting of the committee of ministers and department presidents of the council of state. Having been informed of it, His Majesty desired that this particular question should be decided exclusively by the Holy Synod. Therefore the resolution written in the Emperor's own hand was "Erase the question from the list of the council and submit it to the consideration of the Holy Synod."

As a result the Holy Synod during its session last March prepared a report concerning reform, which was submitted for the Emperor's consideration.

According to the plan the patriarchs or metropolitan should be the controlling head of the council of bishops and should be responsible for them, while they in turn accept responsibility to represent the districts from which they are appointed and this council of bishops, headed by the metropolitan, invested with certain governing powers, should be the basis form of the church rule.

The report continues: "The Holy Synod proposes to have the synod consist of permanent members together with the members invited by turn from among the prelates of the Russian church and to have it headed by a patriarch, granting to him all the canonical rights of a local metropolitan to call in Moscow, by order of His Imperial Majesty, a local council of all the parochial bishops of the Orthodox Church in Russia or of their representatives, for the discussion of the following questions:

"The division of Russia into church districts to be governed by metropolitans; the re-examination of the legislation of the existing organizations of parochial government and their reform in accordance with the basis of a general council; the introduction of better order in the parishes with regard to moral and religious conditions; the better administration of places of instruction; the perfecting of ecclesiastical schools; the re-examination of laws under which the church acquires property; the parochial assemblies of the clergy; the granting to higher representatives of the church the right to take part in the sessions of the council of state and the committee of ministers in all cases which concern the interests of the church; the granting to the priests of the right to take part in local councils."

Emperor Nicholas returned the report to the Holy Synod on March 31st, with the following in his hand: "I deem it impossible to accomplish at the present restless time such an important work as the calling of a local council. I propose at a propitious time to set this great work in motion and to call a council of church of all Russians for the purpose of a canonical discussion of the subject of faith and of the church rule."

Awaiting this "propitious time," which reports say will be in the autumn, the then Chief Procurator, M. Pabedonosteff, sent a communication to the Holy Synod setting forth the matter in more detail and expressing by supplication his well known antagonistic views. This recalls the fact that when the venerable procurator found he could not command a majority of the synod, much less a church council, he retired from the field beaten. His aide, Stabler, tried to create the impression that M. Pobedonosteff himself favored the council, but the procurator was really so chagrined at the time it was reported he would resign, what he actually did on October 31st, being succeeded by Prince Alexis Obolensky on November 3rd.

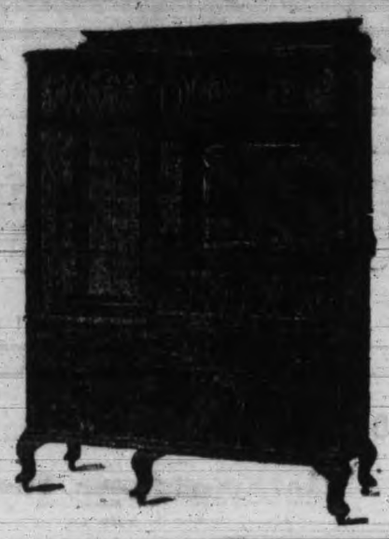
BENEFIT MUSICALE.

Successful Concert Given in Aid of the Seamen's Institute on Thursday Evening.

In accordance with the programme published in the Times a few days ago, the concert—or "Benefit Musicale," as stated on the programme—in aid of the Seamen's Institute, was given in Institute hall on Thursday evening last, when an excellent programme of instrumental and vocal music was rendered before a delighted audience in a manner which did much credit to every performer, each number on the programme being greeted with the heartiest applause and demanding an encore.

The first item on the programme, a "Mazurka de Concert," or piano solo, was taken by G. A. Thompson, who made his first appearance before a Victoria audience on this occasion as a musician, and held his hearers spell-bound for the time being by the brilliancy of his playing, thereby giving unmistakable evidence of his being a musician of no mean order and a welcome acquisition to the musical fraternity of this city. J. G. Brown next delighted the audience with a song, followed by Miss McCoy, who in her charming style also sang very sweetly the song "When the Heart Is Young," after which Jesse Longfield gave a splendid violin solo, when a change was made in the programme by Miss Underhill giving a recitation entitled "Jack" in a manner which delighted all present and which called forth well deserved applause. A violin duet was then given by Miss Nora McCoy and Mr. Longfield, both of whom acquitted themselves most admirably, and who also brought forth well merited and loud applause. Thus, throughout the entire programme of ten numbers, each performer received evident tokens from a delighted audience that their efforts to please and to entertain were highly appreciated. Mrs. Russell Boulton was the able accompanist of the evening and acquitted herself admirably, her pleasing style and rendition at times being most conspicuous.

Much credit and many thanks are due to Miss Erhardt and Mrs. G. W. Thompson, to whose untiring efforts, it appears, is due the fact that the concert was given, and who are to be congratulated on the evening's entertainment having proved so successful.—Com.



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THE NEW COUNCIL MET LAST NIGH

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The first meeting of the newly elected aldermanic board was held last evening. Punctually at 8 o'clock Mayor Morley entered the council chamber accompanied by the city clerk, and took his seat, all the aldermen being in their places. Heretofore, the custom has been to hold meetings with closed doors down stairs, and not until all the business had been practically disposed of did the Mayor and aldermen show up in the council chamber to officially verify the programme already adopted. The transactions of the "caucus" were not always made public, and hence many complaints were heard and speculation was rife as to what might be on the tapis. Last night, however, everything was open and above board, and the proceedings were listened to by a goodly number of ratepayers, who now and again applauded the Mayor as His Worship outlined a policy for the different committees.

The business of the council was routine. The chief item was the appointment of committees and the policy suggested by the Mayor for the guidance of each, a full report of which will be found in another column.

A letter was read from the Premier setting forth that no disposition would be made of the Songhees reserve without due consideration of the city's interest.

R. H. Swinerton, secretary of the British Columbia Agricultural Society, wrote asking the council to name its appointees on the board of management.

Received and filed; action deferred.

A letter was read from the solicitor of Mrs. Marr, the proprietress of the Boomerang, asking for a rebate of her license, on the ground that the license was not in operation for the full term for which it was paid.

Referred to city solicitor.

Mrs. Tuck asked that steps be taken to prevent cattle being driven over her property.

The document was marked "received," and no further action taken.

A letter was read from residents of Leighton road complaining of defective sewerage.

Ald. Douglas thought that the engineer should be called upon for an estimate of the work.

Finally the matter was referred to the engineer and the streets committee with power to act.

Mrs. Lee & Sons called attention to a defective road at a point on Johnson street.

A similar petition was received with reference to William street, Victoria West.

The residents of Thompson street complained of flooding, and asking that a sidewalk be laid.

These were referred to the engineer.

The city clerk announced that the annual reports of the several officials had been received, and it was decided to report these to the respective committees.

It was decided to advertise for tenders for the printing of the annual reports.

It was also resolved that the purchasing agent be authorized to advertise for the necessary supplies for the year.

It was agreed that the city assessor make the usual assessment by a date specified.

The annual loan by-law was moved and advanced to its second stage, when the council went into committee of the whole with the Mayor in the chair. It authorized the raising of a sum of $250,000 in anticipation of the revenue of 1906.

The committee rose and reporting the by-law complete, and it was adopted without amendment.

At the suggestion of Ald. Fell the Mayor undertook to have the sanitary officer deal with certain dilapidated buildings in the district bounded by Fort, Broad, Douglas and Brougnton streets.

The city solicitor wrote calling attention to certain proposed amendments to the municipal act, and on motion of Ald. Yates the report was deferred until Thursday evening's sitting.

Ald. Fullerton mentioned the fact that it was within the jurisdiction of the council to appoint an independent auditor. He also suggested that Dubois Mason be continued in office until Thursday evening; as his term had practically expired. This was agreed to.

Ald. Stewart said he had been requested by parties living in districts where it was decided by the council several months ago that scavenger service was to be provided, to ask why the order had not been put in force.

The Mayor undertook to have the matter attended to, and the council adjourned to meet again on Thursday evening.

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AT THE PLAYHOUSES.

Louis James Will Appear in "Virginius" on Thursday—The Pollards—McKanlass Merrymakers.

When Shakespeare penned the immortal question "What's in a name?" it is possible that he did not fully realize the complete significance of the words, for a name to an actor or a title to a play is a mighty factor in forecasting success or failure of the person or project. Many people will not go to see an actor because his name is not of sufficient import; other people will not read a book because the title does not appeal to their literary taste. Yet others will condemn a play simply because the name is not in sympathy with their ideas of dramatic art. But when one finds the actor, the subject and the title all in positive accord then the result is almost necessarily assured success. Such has been the case this season with that magnificent actor of "the old school," Louis James, in his favorite and most famous "Virginius"—for here are actor, play and theme in absolute harmony. The playgoing public is well aware that since the days of McCullough there has been no greater Virginius than that of Louis James, and hence it is perhaps that the present season's revival of this James Sheridan Knowles masterpiece has been virtually forced by an insistent public demand—in the same manner that Joseph Jefferson to the day of his retirement was obliged to give the people "Rip Van Winkle," and James O'Neill and Louis Morrison are unable, try as they will, to shelve respectively their "Monte Cristo" and "Faust." The production of "Virginius" that Mr. James gives at the Victoria theatre on Thursday evening is said to be in every way a satisfying one. The piece is appropriately set and costumed, and the supporting company headed by Norman Hackett, a scholarly and capable group of players.

The Pollards.

Next Friday evening the Pollard "kiddies"—who have come to regard Victoria as their British Columbia home—come back to the local theatre for an engagement of five nights and two matinees prior to their return to Australia. It is very unlikely that this city will see the talented little folks again for some time, as their next move is to South Africa, where they go for an extended season after a short rest "at home." This organization of little people, which is the only successful one of its kind in the world, is recruited annually in the city of Melbourne, and contains about forty members. Since it was last seen and heard here a number of new principals and choristers have been added, the larger members of the singing forces disappearing and their places being taken by recruits of from seven to ten. One of these is little Eva Pollard, a niece of the original proprietor, who gives promise of exceptional talent both as an actress and a singer. She is entrusted with the leading roles this season, and will appear in the titular part of "The Runaway Girl," with which the Victoria engagement opens, as well as the Salvation lassie of the "Belle of New York." The sale of seats for the engagement opens at the theatre to-morrow.

Watson Theatre.

The McKanlass Merrymakers were greeted by a well filled house at the Watson theatre last night.

The feature of the bill, W. H. McKanlass, is truly a musical marvel, and was compelled to respond to several encores last night. He was ably assisted in his musical act by Miss Perry, who, by the way, is one of the sweetest singers that has been heard in Victoria for some time; her rendition of the sentimental ballad, "Since Thou Art Mine," being a rare treat to lovers of that class of music. To-night she will sing, by special request, the ballad "For All Eternity."

Kling and Bailey, the London pickaninnies, are two of the cleverest colored juveniles in the business, their buck and wing dancing excelling anything in that line ever seen on the Coast.

The other acts on the bill are good, those deserving of special mention being: Miss Lulu Walker, in sentimental ballads; Sam Barbour, comedian; Miss Gertrude Jackson, ragtime shouter and soubrette; Harry Smith, mono singer, and the closing act, the Merrymakers' Trio, who introduce songs and musical numbers.

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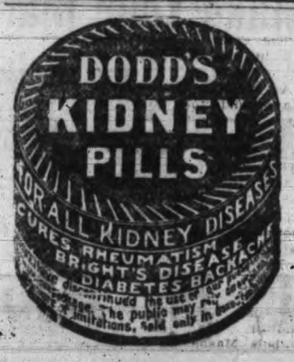

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE

ANOTHER SHORTAGE OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Brief Sitting Resulted—John Houston Speaks—Assessment Act Amendments Introduced in the House.

Victoria, Jan. 22nd, 1906.

The legislature met for a few minutes this afternoon. The failure of the government to supply business necessitated an adjournment at a very early hour. Members are beginning to wonder why the House has been called together as there are no government bills in sight. The attorney-general brought in his Consolidated Municipal Clauses bill this afternoon. It has few amendments incorporated, none of the proposed changes make any vital alteration in the act, the introduction says. In committee the bill will likely provoke some considerable discussion.

The proposed amendments to the Assessment Act were also introduced today. This bill purposes the following tax on real property:

"Three-fifths of one per cent. upon real property, other than wild land, coal or timber land, of any person in an assessment district where the aggregate assessed values of the whole of his real property, other than wild land, coal or timber land, in such assessment district does not exceed two thousand dollars; and one per cent. where the aggregate assessed value of the real property of any person in an assessment district other than wild land, coal or timber land, exceeds two thousand dollars."

Under the act as amended last year the tax on real property was fixed at three-fifths of one per cent. upon real estate of the assessed value of two thousand dollars, or under, and one per cent. upon the assessed value of all real estate over the assessed value of two thousand dollars, other than wild land, coal land and timber land. The effect of the amendment is to make it clear that where several pieces of property are owned by the same person in an assessment district that the rate shall be fixed according to the total value and not individually upon each piece of property.

Under income tax the act is proposed to be amended by making it clear that the total income is to be assessed at a fixed rate. It was held under the old act that the rate should be collected at a fluctuating rate. An income of $10,000 would, according to that, be assessed at the following rates for the first two thousand dollars 1¼ per cent., 1¾ per cent. for the amount from $2,000 to $3,000; 2 per cent. for the part from $3,000 to $4,000, and 3 per cent. on that up to $7,000; and 4 per cent. on the remainder.

It is made clear in the amendment that 3 per cent. is to be collected on the whole $10,000. The section as amended reads as follows:

"On the taxable income of each person, when the amount thereof is ascertained under either of the following classes, the rates shall be as set forth in the respective classes, namely:

"Class A.—When the taxable amount of income of each person does not exceed two thousand dollars, upon all taxable income up to and including two thousand dollars, one and one-half per cent.;

"Class B.—When the taxable amount of income of each person exceeds two thousand dollars, and does not exceed three thousand dollars, upon all taxable income up to and including three thousand dollars, one and three-quarters per cent.;

"Class C.—When the taxable amount of income of each person exceeds three thousand dollars and does not exceed four thousand dollars, upon all taxable income up to and including four thousand dollars, two per cent.;

"Class D.—When the taxable amount of income of each person exceeds four thousand dollars and does not exceed seven thousand dollars, upon all taxable income up to and including seven thousand dollars, three per cent.;

"Class E.—When the taxable amount of income of each person exceeds seven thousand dollars, upon all taxable income, four per cent."

Another amendment applies to the sale of unworked crown granted mineral and placer claims. If a bidder is not obtained at the sale for the amount due in taxes then the claim reverts to the crown, not absolutely as in the present act, but subject to redemption for twelve months by the paying of the amount due. In the meantime the claim cannot be pre-empted nor located.

The following section has been inserted as a new section to take the place of a repealed section last year:

"If the minister of finance should deem it advisable to expose for sale during the year 1906 all lots in townsites, villas or other small subdivisions of property for the taxes delinquent thereon, and which he has hitherto withheld from the annual tax sale, he may, before the date fixed for advertising such public auction, agree to accept from the owners of such property a sum less than the total amount due, in full settlement thereof, upon satisfactory proof being made to him that the owner is unable to pay the full amount due, or that the amount due is greater than could be realized by the owner by sale of the property. If the sum agreed to be accepted by the minister of finance is not paid before the date fixed for advertising said public auction, the said property may then be exposed for sale at such public auction, and in the event of the minister of finance agreeing to accept less than the amount due, he may instruct the collector to receive the same and issue receipt therefor."

The forefiture to the crown of lands which at a tax sale is fixed at twelve months instead of six months, as is the rule under the existing act.

The bill introduced by J. H. Hawthornthwaite to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act has been allowed to stand by consent so that any suggestions may be received and the full amendments to the act may be brought in the one bill.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite's amendment provided that a candidate for a certificate of competency as manager, overman, shiftboss, fireboss, or shotlighter, shall produce a certificate from a duly qualified doctor showing that he has taken a course in ambulance work fitting him, the said candidate, to give first aid to men injured in coal mining operations; and that the owner shall provide one good and sufficient 'ambulance box' in every mine for each one hundred men employed therein."

Prayers were read by Rev. Dr. Campbell.

Petitions.

The following petitions were presented:

By A. H. B. Macgowan—From L. W. Shatford, for leave to introduce a private bill to incorporate the Southern Okanagan Railway Company.

By C. W. Clifford—From E. V. Bodwell and others, for leave to introduce a private bill to incorporate the Copper River and Telkwa Railway Company.

By Price Ellison—From James Ritchie and others, for leave to introduce a private bill to incorporate the British Columbia Central Railway Company.

By Price Ellison—From the Midway & Vernon Railway Company, for leave to introduce a private bill to amend its corporate act.

By J. H. Hawthornthwaite—From Harry Bennett and many others, re game preservation and game licenses, asking that no game license be imposed; that there be no prohibition against Sunday shooting, and that no game preserve be allowed on the E. & N. land belt.

By W. Manson—From R. L. Paterson and others, for leave to introduce a private bill to confirm to the British Columbia Northern & Mackenzie Valley Ralway Company certain rights granted by the B. C. & Yukon Railway Company Act, 1903.

The following petitions were read and received:

From the City of Vancouver, for a private bill to amend the "False Creek Foreshore Act, 1904" and a private bill to amend the "Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900."

From E. L. Drewry, H. Crewe and Conrad G. Riley, for leave to introduce a private bill to incorporate the Ashcroft & Cariboo Railway Company.

From J. A. Mara et al., for leave to introduce a private bill to incorporate the Canada Plate Glass Company.

From E. C. Bagshawe and others, for leave to introduce a private bill to incorporate the Cowichan-Alberni Railway Company.

From the Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting & Power Company, for leave to introduce a private bill to amend its corporate act.

From W. A. Anderson and others, for leave to introduce a private bill to incorporate the Kamloops & Yellowhead Pass Railway Company.

From the Pacific Coast Fire Insurance Company, for leave to introduce a private bill to amend its corporate Act.

From John Breckenridge and others, for leave to introduce a private bill to incorporate the St. Mary's and Cherry Creek Railway Company.

From the Union Steamship Company, for leave to introduce a private bill to amend its corporate act.

Price Ellison wanted to have the petitions received, as this was the last day for their reception.

The Speaker thought this could not be done, but was of the opinion that it would be in order to receive them the following day.

Premier McBride moved that the House adjourn for fifteen minutes in order to allow the private bills committee to meet.

The motion carried and the House adjourned.

Extension of Time.

Upon resuming Dr. Young reported for the committee, recommending that the time limit for the presentation of petitions for private bills be extended until January 26th, 1906; that the time limited for the presentation of private bills be extended until the 1st of February, and that the time limited for the presentation of reports be extended until the 8th of February, and beg to recommend the same accordingly.

The report was adopted.

John Houston, who was in his place for the first time this session, rising, said that in the absence of the only member of the government whose ear he had (Hon. T. J. Fulton) he must move the motion he was about to make himself.

Mr. Houston Speaks.

He said that he was chairman of a most important committee. It must be important because it was the only committee he was on. This was the printing committee. He asked that the House adjourn for two hours in order to decide whether the speeches which were intended to have been delivered last week by John Oliver and W. J. Bowser, but which were not delivered, should be printed.

Sitting down, Mr. Houston asked, "Am I overruled, Mr. Speaker?" (Laughter.)

"I'm afraid so," returned the Speaker.

New Bills.

The following bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. C. Wilson, a bill intituled an act to consolidate and amend the Municipal Clauses Act and amending acts.

Resolution.

R. L. Drury moved the following resolution:

"That an order of the House be granted for a return showing the number of timber leases granted during the year 1905 on Vancouver Island, with the names of the lessees, the area leased, and the amount of bonus paid in each case."

The resolution carried.

Questions and Answers.

W. J. Bowser asked the chief commissioner of lands and works the following question:

Has the government had any correspondence since they took office with the authorities at Ottawa in relation to the granting of a lease at Stanley Park at Vancouver?

Hon. R. Green replied as follows:

"Yes."

J. Murphy asked the premier the following questions:

1. Is Mr. J. P. Babcock in the employ of the government?

2. If so, what remuneration does he receive?

3. Did the government give permission to Mr. Babcock to act as a member of the Dominion fisheries commission?

4. How long has the fish hatchery at Seton lake been in operation?

5. How many salmon eggs have been placed in this hatchery each year?

6. How many young salmon have been released from this hatchery each year?

7. How many men have been employed at this hatchery this season?

8. Were men employed by Mr. Babcock this season to prevent Indians taking fish in the vicinity of the spawning grounds?

Hon. R. McBride replied as follows:

"1. Yes.

"2. $3,000 per year.

"3. Yes.

"4. Since July, 1903.

"5. 1903, 2,068,000; 1904, 4,852,000; 1905, 45,650,000.

"6. 1903, 1,654,000; 1904, 4,800,000; 1905, 40,000,000. The season's operations not being completed, this is only a safe estimate.

"7. July, 19; August, 21; September, 66; October, 52; November, 22; December, 12.

"8. Day and night watchmen were employed to protect the fish held in the retaining weirs, who were instructed by Mr. Babcock not to permit anyone to remove unspawned fish."

Supply to His Majesty.

On the motion of the minister of finance, seconded by the premier, it was resolved:

"That a supply be granted to His Majesty, and that this House do resolve itself into a committee of the whole on Wednesday next to consider the resolution."

Third Reading.

The bill to amend the General Trusts Corporation Act, 1905, was read a third time.

Report Adopted.

The report on the bill respecting the County Court of Atlin was adopted.

Small Debts Act.

On the second reading of the bill to amend the Small Debts Act the attorney-general explained that the bill was intended only to right a mistake made in an amendment at a former time where the wrong section was referred to as amended.

The bill passed its second reading.

Postponed.

J. H. Hawthornthwaite suggested that the adjourned debate on the second reading of the bill to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act should be postponed in order to allow other amendments to be incorporated in the bill.

The premier assented to this and the bill was passed over.

Cattle Guards.

The adjourned debate came up on the motion moved by J. H. Oliver on the 17th January, as follows:

"That an order of the House be granted for a return of copies of all correspondence between the government, or any member thereof, and any other person relative to alleged defective cattle guards along the line of the New Westminster Southern Railway."

The attorney-general said that every effort had been made by his department and that of the land and works to induce the company to put up effective cattle guards.

A way in which these laws could be enforced would be in appealing to the courts on the part of persons who were aggrieved. He did not favor too much paternal government. He did not favor the introduction of the principle that whenever required the state should be called upon to take action.

T. W. Paterson asked if this railway was operated under the Dominion act, being declared a railway for the general advantage of Canada.

The attorney-general said that he did not think it came under that class.

The chief commissioner of lands and works said that he thought application was being made to declare it a road for the general advantage of Canada.

Mr. Paterson said that as a railway which touched the international boundary line it must have been declared for the general advantage of Canada. If that were true no cattle could lawfully run within ten miles of any crossing.

The attorney-general said that if this were true the province had no jurisdiction in the matter.

The resolution passed.

Assessment Act Amendment.

By message of His Honor the Lieut.-Governor a bill was introduced to amend the Assessment Act, 1903, the features of which are given above.

The House then adjourned.

Notices of Motion.

Hon. Mr. Wilson to move, upon consideration of the report on the bill intituled "An Act to amend the Companies Act by providing for the Registration of Companies' Mortgages," to add the following as section 6:

"6. Whenever, in any act, the act hereby repealed is referred to or cited, then the words 'An Act to provide for the Registration of Companies' Mortgages' shall be struck out, and in lieu thereof shall be inserted the title of this act."

Stuart Henderson to move, in committee of the whole and on report on the bill intituled "An Act to render ineligible as Members of the Legislative Assembly persons accepting or holding offices, contracts or employment under the Dominion Government," to add three clauses, as follows:

"11. This act shall not apply to any person, unless otherwise disqualified—

"(a.) Who receives a salary, fee, commission, wages, emolument or allowance not exceeding one hundred dollars per annum;

"(b.) Who is surety merely to any public officer;

"(c.) Who loans, advances money on, purchases or pays for any of the securities, public stock or debentures of Canada created by Act of Parliament of Canada.

"12. No person shall be liable to any forfeiture or penalty imposed by this act unless proceedings are taken for the recovery thereof within twelve months after such penalty has been incurred.

"13. This act shall not come into force until the dissolution of the present parliament."

Mr. Henderson to move, in committee of the whole and on report on the bill intituled "An Act to declare the Law with respect to Ancient Lights," that sections two and three of said act be struck out, and the following inserted in lieu thereof:

"2. No person shall acquire a right by prescription to the access and use of light to or for any dwelling house, workshop or other building; but this section shall not apply to any such right which has been acquired by twenty years' use before the passing of this act, nor affect the rights of the parties to any proceeding now pending in which such question has arisen before the passing of this act."

Parker Williams to move, in committee of the whole on the bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Small Debts Act,'" to add the following new section:

"3. Section five of the said chapter 13 of the statutes of 1901 is hereby amended by adding thereto at the end thereof the following words: 'Provided always, that this section shall not apply to any debt due, or accruing due, to a mechanic, workman, laborer, servant, clerk or employee for or in respect of wages or salaries.'"

By W. J. Bowser—On Wednesday next—"That an order of the House be granted for a return of copies of all correspondence between this government and the government at Ottawa, in relation to the granting of a lease of Stanley Park at Vancouver."

Questions.

J. F. Garden, on Wednesday next, will ask the chief commissioner of lands and works: Is it the intention of the government to construct roads through Lot 540, in order to open up the land towards Point Grey for sale and settlement?

Alderman Ekers and Mr. W. E. Doran were nominated on Saturday for the mayoralty of Montreal. Fifteen aldermen have been elected by acclamation. Twenty-five others will have to fight for seats.

WHAT MAKES JOHNNY HUSTLE.

Every morning first of all
Mother comes and gives her call:—
"John-ne-e-e-e!"
Then I know that I can snore
For a half an hour more,
Till brother comes to bang my door.

For fifteen minutes more I lie,
Waiting for my sister's cry:—
"John-ne-e-e-e!"
Then dad barks out, but I keep still,
And on and on I snooze until
I can near the coffee mill.

Oh, how good that coffee smells!
Talk about your breakfast bells,
For Johnny!
Quick I slip my panties on,
You can always look for John
'Fore that Chase & Sanborn's gone.

Guess I'm lazy! Pa says so.
Ma says, "So tormented slow
Is Johnny!"
But 'tis Johnny-on-the-spot,
Johnny for the coffee pot,
When that CHASE & SANBORN'S hot.

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THE WAYS OF COMBINES.

In Canada certain trusts and combinations are receiving their meed of attention and recognition at the hands of the law. In the United States there is considerable talk about the doings of corporations, and that is as far as the matter has gone. To be sure Congress is in session and the President has expressed his opinions respecting grafters, so we must wait and see what happens. But in the meantime it is interesting to note that the plutocracy is not having its own way entirely in the matter of fixing things up for its ease and comfort. A dispatch from Chicago says that in certain aristocratic suburbs of the prairie city the Washerwoman's Union has sent a fresh wave of horror coursing through the veins of the housewife. The union's members have decreed that they shall ride to and from their places of employment in their employers' carriages. Women of silks and sealskins at first offered feeble protest, but they now are vieing with each other in transporting the washerwomen in the greatest luxury. "Auntie" Dinah Zimmerman is credited with forming the combine in restraint of trade. "Y's, sah," she said, "I 'spect you done heard de trufe 'bout dis kerridge business, sho's you's alive. I ain't gwine to drag dese heah old feet o' mine through no mo' snowdrif's, an' I ain't gwine to fall down kerslap on no mo' icy sidewalks. If de rich folks cain't send de kerridges, den Aunt Dinah done stay where she am." While she talked one of Aunt Dinah's customers drove to the door and was informed that "Auntie" would be pleased to perform the laundry work the next day if the "kerridge" would call at 8 o'clock sharp.

JOKES AND JOKERS.

There is nothing sadder than American humor, meaning by American that which originates in the United States. Our neighbors are sure of nothing quite as much as of their right to be considered the only really humorous people in the world. As a matter of fact they sometimes mistake exaggeration for wit and vulgarity for brilliancy. An American cartoon is usually an abomination to the eye and an insult to the understanding. This was not true when Thomas Nast wielded the pencil with such tremendous power, but it is true to-day. Take, for example, the leading humorous papers of New York, Judge and Puck. Examine their political cartoons and see how rarely there is really an idea in them. Imagine them printed in black and white, and judge how weak they would then appear, as a general rule. The social cartoons are worse. They represent people who do not live anywhere, and hence have no inherent force. Even Charles Dana Gibson, whose tall women and young men with chins all look as if they were cut out of wood, seems to have lost the delicate conception of humor which marked his earlier work, while Otto Cushing, who is rarely content with less than half a newspaper page, has given himself up to the study of anatomy, and seems to be fully satisfied if he can pile bulging muscles upon a man or get a sufficiently disdainful nose upon a slab-sided young woman. As for the legends which accompany the alleged humorous pictures, they read like the ramblings of a mind in an advanced stage of paresis. By no possible chance do they bear the least relation to anything suggested by the pictures. As for the illustrated "jokes," they only differ from the others in not having pictures printed above them. Having a due regard to the sex of the persons depicted in the drawings, there is no reason why any so-called joke might not be printed with any picture, or why it should not be printed without one.

Canada does not yet produce many printed jokes. We are too primitive in our way of living. Plenty of funny things are said, but as a rule they depend so much upon their environment that they will not bear transplanting into print. There was a time when the United States had real humorists. They were evolved under the strain of the War of Secession and the pioneer life of the West.

For real humor, the subtle, delicate kind which amuses without giving offence, you must go to the United Kingdom and Germany. French humor is too satirical to be enjoyable. It would be interesting to know what the Russian idea of humor is. After all has been said and written perhaps the best humor, taking one week or one year with another, is to be found in Punch. It is the fun of the cultivated and leisure classes. It is not chopped out with an axe or laid on with a trowel.

SCHOOL EXPENSES.

Electors at Cowichan Station Protest Against Method of Raising Funds.

A meeting was held at the school house at Cowichan Station on Friday to discuss the best method of raising funds for the incidental expenses of the school. Those present were: Messrs. J. McPherson, R. Colvin, May, Patterson, E. Forrest, Daniells, L. Norie, Frumento, Ford, Doupe, Mowbray, Looper and Howey.

The meeting being called to order, it was proposed by Mr. Patterson, seconded by Mr. E. Forrest, that Mr. McPherson be chairman. Carried.

Mr. Patterson, after reading from the circular issued by the Education Department, pointed out that the funds for the incidental expenses must be raised by voluntary subscription, any other method being unconstitutional. He thought that since $24 could be raised for a Christmas tree, surely $40 could be for incidental expenses.

Mr. Daniells wished to know how long the school could be conducted without funds.

Mr. McPherson replied that funds were needed at the present time to pay for the repairing of the pump in the school yard. He pointed out that the new School Act was bound to be amended in time, but that meanwhile funds should be raised. He suggested a method proposed to him by a lawyer in Victoria, viz., 10 cents per month should be paid by the parents for each of their children attending school.

Mr. Forrest stated that, owing to the present heavy rate of taxation, he would not pay anything towards the incidental expenses unless he were compelled to.

It was proposed by Mr. Patterson, seconded by Mr. Daniells, that the trustees open a subscription list.

Mr. Forrest moved an amendment that, owing to the present excessive rate of taxation in the district (in some cases the increase within the last two years being 100 per cent.), the electors do not feel that they should be called upon to raise funds for the incidental expenses of Cowichan school, and request the secretary of the board of trustees to send a copy of this resolution to the member for the district.

This amendment was seconded by Mr. Howey and carried unanimously.

Moved by Mr. Daniells, seconded by Mr. Frumento, that a copy of this resolution be also sent to the superintendent of education.

After votes of thanks to the chairman and the secretary, the meeting adjourned.

AT THE END.

Duncan Campbell Scott.

I have learned well—a child I've grown
by knowing;
I have taught well—I know not why;
A few have garnered well my careless
sowing,
And one sound kernel fills the granary.

I have fought well—have turned and
dared disaster;
I've been well vanquished—and I know
not why;
Well have I suffered, and called no man
master,
But have wrought sleepless for the
mastery.

I have loved well—and that's the best of
living;
I've been well loved—I know not why;
But, O, the rapture of the giving!
And of the taking—the wild ecstasy!

"I boast too well," you say, "a noisy
scandal,
Vexing the hearing of the scornful
gods."
But life—yes, life, was worth the candle,
So what's the odds?

He that cowers now is not the less a
varlet;
I know I'll brave them well—I know
not why;
Toss me my proudest cloak of green and
scarlet,
Fellows—old friends—good-bye.

SHE PROMPTED THE COLT.

Some time ago, on the island of Nantucket, while one Nathaniel Worth was showing his mare and colt to his son, who was visiting him, the colt suddenly kicked him, whereupon he began to belabor the mare, relates the Boston Herald.

"Why, father," exclaimed his son, "the colt kicked you, not the mare."

"I know it," was the reply, "but didn't you see her give him the wink?"

ADVENTURE OF A SHIP'S CAT.

Melbourne Argus.

The ship's cat of the mail steamer Ortona had a remarkable experience on the last homeward voyage of that vessel.

Soon after the Ortona left Australia the cat was missing, and it was thought that it had been left behind; but when the vessel was thirty-two days out from Sydney, one of the engineers heard a faint mewing in the refrigerating chamber. This chamber, which had not been opened since the vessel started, was promptly examined, and the unfortunate cat was found lying upon a box of butter in a very emaciated condition.

One of its ears and a portion of its nose had been bitten off by the cold, but its fur had grown to a great length during its imprisonment. The cat has since recovered.

THE JOLLY CANADIAN WINTER.

Ottawa Citizen.

The true policy of Canadians is to make much of our winters and let outsiders know that instead of a season of hibernation it is one of the jolliest, most enjoyable seasons of the year. The average intending settler in Canada is not so much afraid of the winter itself as he is discouraged by the idea that it is a dreary, lonely season, during which people keep indoors as much as they can, and there is nothing to do but live.

If the people who consider settling in this country knew how much real enjoyment and good sport Canadians get out of their winters, the knowledge would prove an inducement to immigration.

CONSUME YOUR OWN SMOKE.

Dr. William Osler.

The atmosphere is darkened with the whimpering of men and women over the non-essentials, the trifles that are inevitably incident to the hurly-burly of the day's routine. Things cannot always go your way. Learn to accept in silence the minor aggravations, cultivate the gift of taciturnity, and consume your own smoke with an extra draft of hard work, so that those about you may not be annoyed with the dust and soot of your complaints.

A SUGGESTION.

Detroit Free Press.

"I'd like to remark," said Uncle Hiram, "that this world would be a whole lot happier if people would buy grapes and jelly for the sick with the money they usually spend on flowers afterwards.

GOOD ANCIENT ADVICE.

Accustom early in your youth
To lay embargo on your mouth,
And let no rarities invite
To pal and glut the appetite;
But check it, and in time give o'er,
With a desire for eating more;
For where one dies of inanition
A thousand perish from depletion.
To miss a meal sometimes 'tis good—
'Twill purify and cleanse the blood,
Give Nature time to clear her streets
Of filth, and crudities of meats;
For too much meat the bowels fur,
And fasting's Nature's scavenger.

PERPETUAL MOTION,

As Solved by an Up-to-Date Philosopher.

Rags make paper. Paper makes money. Money makes banks. Banks make loans. Loans make poverty. Poverty makes rags. Rags make—well, just keep on repeating the above.

QUEENSLAND MANNERS AND CUSTOMS.

In Queensland the bath is not only a luxury, but a necessity, and every dwelling is provided accordingly, although the arrangements in the back country are primitive. Two ladies had travelled to a remote station, and arrived hot, tired and dirty. The mistress of the house chancing to be absent, the master good-naturedly asked them if they would not like a bath. They were only too glad. In due time one was shown into the bath room, where there was only a shower. When ready for the bath she looked vainly around for the string, and was gazing about her in perplexity when she heard a gruff voice overhead exclaim: "A little more to the left, mum, or I'll miss you," and the bucketful, neatly overturned, stifled her shriek as she fled.

THE RULES OF THE ROAD.

To Be Committed to Memory.

The rules of the road are a paradox
quite;
When riding or driving along,
If you keep to the left you are sure to go
right,
If you keep to the right you go wrong.

In walking the streets 'tis a different
case,
To the right it is right you should bear,
And leave enough space on the opposite
side
For the passengers you may meet
there.

A Puzzle for a Foreigner Learning English.—Did you ever see a person pare an apple or a pear with a pair of scissors?

SUPERFINE ENGLISH.

Juvenile, extricate that quadruped from the vehicle; stabulate him, devote to him an adequate supply of nutritious ailment, and when the aurora of morn shall illuminate the Oriental horizon I will award you a pecuniary compensation for your amiable hospitality. And the juvenile answered: How! Which!

G. T. B.

FASHIONS IN HEELS.

The smart boot and shoe makers of to-day are giving their women clients celluloid heels, which are found to be very light in weight and comfortable in wear. The celluloid is applied over wood to hollow heels of evry shape.

The Louis Quinze heel that is chosen by some women is made all in one with the sole of the shoe. It has a very narrow "waist," and throws the weight of the walker on to her toes, thereby straining her spine and making pedestrianism a truly wearisome affair. For the boudoir and the drawing-room it is an elegant choice, but for the promenade it is not recommended.

The French Louis Quinze fashion has been discarded lately in favor of a more square-looking and sensible English heel.—London Mail.

THE ROMANCE OF MINING.

Properly considered, the romance of mining is the romance of civilization, the romance of the human race. The struggle on the Transvaal reefs to-day is only the struggle of Zimbabwe some thousands of years removed, and the same is true of silver, iron, copper and diamonds. Even in the Stone Age men discovered gold, the earliest metal, and finding it useless for weapons, turned it into ornaments. Japan has fully recognized the value of the earth's mineral wealth, and since her abandonment of the policy of isolation she has taken full advantage of Western ideas in mining, with the result that to-day she produces in copper alone 30,000 tons per annum out of the world's output of 525,000 tons. At Ashio, near Nikko, copper mines may be seen equipped with reverberating furnaces, electric light and cars, a 30-mile railway and a three-mile cableway over the mountains for transporting ingots and fuel.—Pall Mall Gazette.

CAGED LIONS FIGHT.

Two Animals Killed in Combat of Jealousy.

The demon of jealousy was responsible for an exciting scene in the lions' cage at a menagerie at Belfast.

For a long time two magnificent lions, Duke and Duchess, which were christened when cubs by the Princess Royal in Edinburgh, have occupied adjoining cages. One evening, however, Duchess was removed and in her cage a South African lion and lioness were placed.

This roused the ire of Duke, the largest lion in captivity, and about four o'clock in the morning he commenced to demolish the partition. He soon tore it into splinters, and at once attacked the lion.

Duke made short work of his antagonist, and before anything could be done had laid open his flank, and torn out his windpipe. The attendants obtained pitchforks, and tried to put a stop to the encounter, but without success.

Seeing that his opponent was dead, Duke attacked the lioness, and in a few moments she lay dead beside her mate, with a gaping wound in the throat. The victor then returned to his cage, and throughout the day showed no symptoms of any unusual excitement. The value of the animals destroyed is said to be £400.

PROPHETIC NOVEL.

"Allan Quartermain's" Hidden River Has Been Found.

A discovery of romantic literary interest has been made by A. T. Angell in British East Africa.

While engaged in the survey of Lake Naivasha and its caves he found the hitherto unknown outlet of this fresh water lake into a large subterranean river. Lake Naivasha lies about one hundred miles east of Lake Victoria Nyanza, and is at an altitude of 6,000 feet.

Readers of Mr. Rider Haggard's story "Allan Quartermain" will at once recognize the locality. Naivasha is the lake with the marvellous caves which is described in the chapters which narrate the hero's plunge into the unknown in search for the mysterious white race. The gruesome incident by which the caves were discovered will be remembered—how the native servant Wakwafi dived into the lake and was "sucked with frightful rapidity" through the arch that gave entrance to the mysterious river, and how his corpse followed the canoe throughout its subterranean passage.

LEOPARD SKINS FOR COATS.

The leopard is the latest of savage animals to contribute to the wardrobes of women, and its pelt is now being used to make smart feminine motor-coats, says a London exchange.

This fur is not only conspicuous, but becoming, and is an ideal motor wrap, as its short hair does not harbor or show the dust.

Women are this winter carrying umbrellas, the handles of which are covered with rhinocerous hide and with pigskin. The latter is smarter than rhinocerous and much prettier. Of a light creamy shade, it has earned its great popularity on account of the neatness with which it can be stretched and stitched over a light-weight handle.

One of the questions asked at a Bristol school examination was: "What is a prophet?" One of the answers was: "A man that's put in a fiery furnace, and he won't burn."

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1000 Fancy Shell Pins and Combs
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Boys' and Girls' Own Annuals
To-day, $1.25 each.

70 Dozen Linen Towels
($40 Towels.)
Various kinds; regular 25c. Wednesday, 17c.
50 dozen Linen Towels, fringe ends; regular 35c. and 40c. Wednesday, 25c.
White Turkish Towels. Special, 20c.
Brown Linen Towels. Special, 20c.

12 Black Voile Skirts
On Sale Wednesday at $3.90 (materials and trimming with every skirt); values $6.50, $7.50 and $8.50.

Women's Natural Wool Ribbed Drawers
Regular $1.25. January Sale Price, 65c.

Girls' Pink and White Flannelette Gowns
Wednesday, 50c. each. Ages 10 to 14 years.

2 in 1 Shoe Polish
Regular 10c. a tin. Wednesday, 2 tins for 10c.
(1,000 Tins.)

Millinery at Very Little Money
Trimmed Hats at 50c., $1.00 and $2.50 each.
Ornaments in Paste and Steel, 10c. each.
Fancy Wings and Feathers, 10c.

Women's Zenith Brand Underwear
White and Natural Shirts and Drawers, all sizes, 90c., or $1.80 per suit. On Sale To-day.

Women's Puritan Underwear
Shirts and Drawers. To-day, 25c. and 35c. garments.

Pens
Bank of England, Bank of Montreal and Falcon. To-day, 25c. per box of 12 dozen.

Mrs. Beeton's Book of Household Management
(Half leather bound), with colored Plate Illustrations, $2.00 each.

Mrs. Beeton's Cookery Book
(Cloth bound), 25c. each.

Spencer's Oatmeal Soap
To-day, 50c. dozen.

Writing Pads
To-day, 5c. each.
Holland Linen, 40 sheets with blotter.
Falstaff, 40 sheets with blotter.
Rosaline, 40 sheets with blotter.

Note Paper and Envelopes To-Day
Osirian. January Sale Price, 15c. box.
Caxtona. January Sale Price, 15c. box.
Vellum. January Sale Price, 15c. box.

Women's Natural Wool Drawers
ON SALE TO-DAY.
50 pairs, all sizes; regular $1.25. January Sale Price, 75c.

Girls' Raincoats
(All Sizes.)
Colors: Fawns, Greens and Greys.
6 each $5.00.
1 each $4.75.
2 each $5.50.
3 each $6.50.
2 each $7.50.
1 each $7.00.
Wednesday, $2.50 Each.

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Every pair of Shoes that we intend to clear out to go on the bargain tables this week.

Men's Whole Foxed Box Calf Bals. and Bluchers. January Sale Price $2.50
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A persistent bad cold will run into consumption unless it is relieved in time. So it is with the little daily wants of the people—they grow serious if not promptly filled. You can afford, for instance, to have that house tenantless for a little while, but when it continues tenantless month after month it becomes a serious matter. The timely "want" ad. ends the trouble.

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OFFICER LEAVES TO LIBEL TURNER

POSSIBILITY THAT VESSEL MAY FLEE

Makes it Desirable That She Should be Arrested at Once For Salvage.

When the steamer Queen City sailed for the West Coast ports last night she had aboard an officer armed with all the necessary documents for the arrest of the schooner M. Turner, which was rescued by the steamer Queen City when within a cable length from the shore of Bunsby Island, in the Barrier group near Kyuquot Sound on the 18th inst. The arrest of the schooner is a mere formality which always precedes legal proceedings for the securing of salvage. The C. P. R. Company have placed the case in the hands of Messrs. Bodwell & Lawson, and will claim a substantial sum, based on a number of considerations, not the least important of which the plaintiffs will doubtless endeavor to establish, will be the following: That the schooner when picked up by the Queen City was unmanageable, having lost her sails; that she was unfit to proceed to sea even if the weather had been favorable for her doing so; that she was in danger of being cast on the rocks at any hour, or a gale sweeping in from sea, and that in rescuing her the Queen City went to a great deal of trouble traversing an intricate course among islands on which no steamer had ever previously ventured.

What plea the owners of the schooner can set up for leniency in case suit is brought cannot now be surmised. The schooner is on the coast, and the owner is in California. The latter will be communicated with, but in the meanwhile the C. P. R. Company will miss no opportunity to seize their prize if she happens to be still in port down the coast, thus making secure the property against which legal proceedings will be instituted. Of course redress in the libel proceedings can be obtained in American courts, yet it is claimed to be a decided advantage to keep the vessel in Canadian waters until a bond for her security has been put up or the salvage claimed has been allowed.

At present the M. Turner's flight is possible. In the interval that has elapsed since the Queen City left her at a safe anchorage in Clanimish harbor, Capt. Peterson, knowing well what was bound to follow, might play sharp and making temporary repairs, put out to sea with the utmost alacrity. The Queen City cannot reach the schooner before to-morrow, so the M. Turner has had considerable time in which to make preparations if to flee was Capt. Peterson's intention.

The chances are, however, that the M. Turner will be found where she was left. The weather has not been such as to favor any hasty departure, and should Capt. Peterson leave port in his present condition he would be taking a very grave risk. But there is the uncertainty about the matter, and until the report has been received that the schooner has been libelled there will be some little cause for anxiety on the part of those laying claim for the salvage. What the amount of this will be Capt. Troup was unwilling to discuss this morning.

SUGGESTS PAINT.

What appears to be a very sensible and excellent suggestion will doubtless be advanced at the next meeting of the board of trade by C. H. Lugrin in connection with the request that has gone forth for a life saving equipment on the West Coast of Vancouver Island. In reading over the stories told by the survivors of the lost ship King David, of how they had made land not knowing which way to travel to procure the most immediate assistance, it occurred to Mr. Lugrin that if some one with a paint brush was appointed to visit the West Coast and at regular points place in big conspicuous letter the distances from the nearest habitation, much distress now endured by shipwrecked men might be obviated. Indeed, often valuable lives are lost because of the lack of just simple, but highly important, information. A case in point is that of the boat's crew of the King David which started off for Cape Beale to telegraph for assistance when the same could have been secured comparatively near and at no apparent risk. Notices of the kind Mr. Lugrin proposes are frequently seen on country roads, and, in a more common way, the name of a street among other uses serves a similar purpose. Rocks in prominent places are frequently used for patent medicine advertisements. Why should they not be used for directing men cast upon a wild and little frequented coast?

FOUR HAVE SAILED.

The annual spring exodus of the sealers has commenced in earnest. Four of the fleet carrying white crews have departed for the sealing grounds off the California coast, and others are to follow as soon as they can be made ready. The vessels gone are the Umbrina, Capt. Blackstad; Diana, Capt. Whidden; Casco, Capt. Munro; and City of San Diego, Capt. Folger.

SHIPPING NOTES.

The steamship Lyra, of the Boston Tugboat Company, will be due from the Orient on the 26th. She has between three and four hundred tons of freight for Victoria.

The Blue Funnel liner now on her way here from Liverpool and ports in Asia has 500 tons of general cargo for Victoria. She is due to arrive on the 21st inst.

—The next dance of the "Invitation Dancing Club" will take place to-morrow (Wednesday) at the Assembly hall, Fort street.

—The provincial government has forwarded an order to Montreal to have a wreath prepared to mark the respect in which the late Hon. Raymond Prefontaine, minister of marine and fisheries, was held in this province. The flags at the Federal and provincial buildings are flying at half mast.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

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—Whatever difference of opinion there may be in regard to the Blair system of drawing, on one point the public is unanimous—that Blair's photos are the most artistic in town.*

—The usual rehearsal of the Margherita Mandolin Club will take place this evening at 8 o'clock in the auditorium of the Y. M. C. A. All members are urgently requested to attend.

—Victoria Hive, No. 1, Ladies of the Maccabees, will hold its regular review to-night at 8 o'clock sharp in the A. O. U. W. hall. All officers and members are requested to attend as important business is to be transacted.

—A meeting of the W. C. T. U. was held yesterday when plans for a pound party to be held on Thursday, February 1st, were discussed. A number of reports were read at the meeting yesterday, which proved of a very satisfactory character.

—Last night in James Bay Methodist church Rev. Dr. Reid gave a very impressing address. To-night the local preachers association will have charge of the service. There will be special singing and a good time is expected. All are invited.

—Paul Johnson, M. E., manager of the Alaska Smelting & Refining Company, has returned from a visit to Crofton, where he superintended the sampling of some 500 tons of copper matte. He reported, before returning to the Sound, that it sampled 50 per cent. copper, and was valued at roughly $100,000. This came down on the Henrietta a short time ago consigned to the Britannia smelter.

—Officer of Alexandra lodge, No. 116, Sons of England, were recently installed by District Deputy Bro. E. Haynes, as follows: Past president, Bro. W. P. Allen; president, Bro. Geo. Jay; vice-president, Bro. Nute; chaplain, Bro. Bull, sr.; secretary, Bro. Jas. Critchley; treasurer, Bro. Dinsdale; 1st committee man, Bro. Davis; 2nd committeeman, Bro. Farmer; 3rd committee man, Bro. Webb; 4th committee man, Bro. Clarke; 5th committee man, Bro. Emery; 6th committee man, Bro. Bull, jr.; inside guard, Bro. Millett; surgeon, Bro. Dr. Stainer; auditors, Bros. Lewis Hall, Lettice and Seymour O'Dell; trustees, Bros. L. Goodacre and Richard Hall; advisory board, Juvenile branch, Bros. Jay, Nute, Allen, Petch and Bull.

—The ladies of Queen Alexandra Hive, Ladies of the Maccabees, held a meeting last evening, when the following officers were installed: P. L. C., Mrs. H. Rogers; L. C., Mrs. F. Andrews; L. L. C., Mrs. H. Brown; L. C., Mrs. Cowper; L. F. R., Mrs. C. Lawson; L. M. A., Miss E. I. Armstrong; L. S., Miss Reynard; L. S., Mrs. C. Watson; L. P., Mrs. (Dr.) Cleland. Regret was expressed by the hive that Deputy Mrs. Spofford is severing her official connection with the order, and the record keeper was instructed to convey to the Supreme Hive its appreciation of Mrs. Spofford's indefatigable efforts in behalf of the work, and the growth of the order under her direction. Mrs. Clyde and Mrs. Watson had charge of the entertainment which followed.

—To-night the ... Presbyterian church choir will give their eighteenth annual Burns concert in the schoolroom of the church, Blanchard street. Some of the best talent, vocal and instrumental, in British Columbia will assist, including the well-known contralto, Miss Brenton, Vancouver, and Allan Bremner, late of Kamloops, and such well-known artists as Mrs. Morest, Mrs. Gregson, Miss R. L. Wilson, Mrs. M. Wilson, Miss Howell, Miss Hill, Messrs. Kinnard, Gordon, La... A. L. Brownlee, W. M. Allan and J. G. Brown. Miss Hill is celebrated for her graceful dancing of Highland flings, shean trews, etc. Allan is without a peer in the humorous Scotch recitation. Mr. Brown is hard to beat in chorous Scotch songs. The ... have earned a reputation in ... year for their singing of the Scottish part songs. They take part on the programme. ... Lewis Hall, the organizer of the ... will be in charge of the ... concert. Doors open at 7.15, concert ... prompt. A word to the ... sufficient; those intending to ... should go early and secure ... indications point to a crowd.

Lecture.—Mrs. G. Templar will deliver a very instructive lecture entitled "Around the Mediterranean," illustrated by 100 stereopticon views, in the Centennial Methodist church on Wednesday evening, 24th inst., beginning at 8 o'clock. Admission, 25c.; children, 10c.

—The usual social dance will be held in Semple's hall next Friday.

—Market Supt. Johnson is again on the sick list. He is confined to his bed with a severe cold. The weigh bridge is in charge of one of the firemen.

—William Reid was this morning brought up for speedy trial before Judge Lampman on a charge of larceny. The case was, however, put off until Monday next, owing to the absence of an important witness for the prosecution. It will be remembered that Reid was arrested on the 7th December last on information of a man named Oddy, who charges that he gave the accused some money to take charge of and that when it was returned the roll of bills was short to the amount of $100. Reid was a bartender at the Prince of Wales saloon.

—There was a crowded meeting of Triumph Lodge, No. 16, I. O. G. T., at the Soldiers and Sailors' Home, Esquimalt, last night, when much business was dealt with and four new members were initiated and one admitted as an associate. Several distinguished visitors were present, including Bro. Gladstone, late of grand lodge of England, and Bro. J. N. Evans, M. P. P., past grand chief templar. After business Bro. T. W. Gladstone gave a very eloquent address on the temperance work in England and the work done by the order. He pointed out how drink made inroads in every branch of life, not omitting the ministry. Bros. Evans and Hicks also spoke, the former intimating that he had been a delegate who waited on the government for putting forward local options, and reporting progress. Bro. Hicks moved a resolution that the action of the mayor be supported by the lodge, which was carried. Songs were rendered by Bros. Blackman, Standford, Greenwood and Cooper.

EPIDEMIC OF SORE THROAT.

More cases of throat trouble are reported every day. But with Nerviline on hand it is easy to cure quickly. Mr. R. McKenzie of St. George, writes: "I had a very sore throat and my chest was full of cold and soreness. Every cough hurt me. I was cured quickly by rubbing my chest and throat vigorously with Nerviline, which I also used as a gargle. For emergent sickness I consider Nerviline the best remedy. For twenty years we have used it in our house." Under manufacturer's guarantee of satisfaction, all dealers sell Polson's Nerviline in large 25c. bottles.

—Showshoppers have every reason to be satisfied with this week's bill at the Grand theatre, for instead of two headline attractions, as Manager Jamieson had given his patrons reason to expect, there are three items on the bill that are entitled to special recognition. Albini is first of course. There has not been for years so dexterous a card manipulator and palmer on the road. He now adds wonderful examples in telepathy, and introduces each evening a change in the larger illusions such as those wherewith Hermann and Keller were wont to mystify their audiences. Albini fills in an hour and a quarter that is so crowded with interest that it passes as twenty minutes. He is the big particular feature of the week, and will probably prove as magnetic here as he did in Seattle, where a fortnight ago he was presented with a silver tablet by the management of the Star for having broken all attendance records of that house. In the Grand's programme, Mr. and Mrs. Young are next in importance. They have a comedietta called "A Homespun Wooing," which is valuable as a type study, and for clean, homely comedy, varied with an unusual exhibition of instrumentation on two violins. The finale of the sketch is specially good. Then there is Vardaman, the female impersonator, who is far and away the best in his line Victoria has yet been introduced to. He dresses the part decollete, uses effectively a rich contralto voice, and crowds his work with true artistic touches. The moving pictures of the week tell the exciting story of "Trainwreckers," and Miss Wildermere's illustrated song is "Absence Makes the Heart Grow Fonder," a song well suited to her voice and method. There is also an alleged Hebrew comedian on the bill, who in his opening failed to win a smile. His name is Shane; his act's a shame.

CHRISTIAN MANLINESS.

Interesting Address by the Bishop of Columbia at the Y. M. C. A. on Sunday Afternoon.

An able, interesting and helpful address was given in the auditorium of the Young Men's Christian Association on Sunday afternoon by the Bishop of Columbia, upon the topic "Christian Manliness." His lordship said that some people did not connect "Christian" with "manliness," and the life of some professing Christians would lead many to think there was no connection. Such, however, were but few in comparison with the number who were living strong manly lives by the help of Christ. In days gone by people had had different ideas of what constituted Christian manliness. Some men had confined themselves in monasteries, and there had been strong men among the monks. By their faithful work, among other things in copying the Scriptures, they had rendered a great service, but one of the results of their isolation had been to make them effeminate. During the age of chivalry the physical was the highest type of Christian manliness, but that had gone down before animation. The truth lay between the two. Christianity was to be brought into all relations of life. All should have strong bodies. The custom in vogue now of great multitudes going to see a few men play was not as beneficial as when each individual took part. All should have strong minds, too, and cultivate the faculty of thinking for themselves. His lordship counselled the reading of good books, and said that much of the literature of the day was trash. The Bible contained the best of poetry and prose, and twice as many people could read it to-day as a few years ago, if they chose to do so.

Instances were given of young men who had stood alone for purity and temperance, and had prevailed. Christ understood their natures and weaknesses better than they themselves and by going to Him they would receive strength to finally overcome all temptation.

THE FEVER EPIDEMIC.

Return of Dr. Fagan From the Boundary Country.

Dr. C. J. Fagan, provincial health officer, has just returned from a visit to Phoenix, where fever has been epidemic for the past couple of months. The doctor reports that the trouble is now well in hand, and hopes that the prompt action taken will have the effect of stamping out the disease. There are at present but 25 cases on the list, and no new case has occurred for the past three weeks. A month or two ago there were seventy cases under treatment, and temporary hospitals were established in several parts of the town, trained nurses employed, and everything possible done to check the spread of the disease. So successful were the arrangements that the epidemic was practically confined to Phoenix. For a time it was feared that it might spread to Greenwood, Grand Forks or the other towns of the Boundary, but happily prompt quarantine measures prevented this. All the patients are now on the convalescent list, and it is hoped within the next few weeks that the fever will have entirely disappeared from Phoenix.

The outbreak, as already reported in the Times, is attributed to the milk supply of the town, and energetic measures were promptly taken to have the dairies cleansed. Dr. Fagan reports that the people of the Boundary are now fully alive to the importance of sanitation, and are determined to put their towns in order. The sewerage system is to be improved, the water supply purified. With the exception of Phoenix, Dr. Fagan reports the health of the Boundary country good.

—The Y. M. C. A. mock parliament holds its meeting to-morrow evening in the auditorium. The question under discussion will be the referendum and initiative.

—In chambers this morning before the Chief Justice the case of Dunsmuir vs. Aston et al was called. It was an application to dismiss action, and an order was made calling for a statement of claim to be delivered within a week, otherwise action to stand dismissed without further order.

Load of Lead in His Stomach!

Mr. G. E. Meyer, a popular merchant in Lewisburg, writes: "Six months ago I was a pretty sick man. I had a feeling in the pit of my stomach as if I carried a load of lead there. My appetite was poor and I ate very little. My head ached continually, and I felt weary and tired. My sleep was very restless. After I used the first box of Dr. Hamilton's Pills I felt better. I kept on using them for a few weeks, and was cured completely."

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This will be the biggest and best sale of the season for men. At their regular prices Fit-Reform Suits and Overcoats are the greatest values in Canada beyond question. When you buy these same Suits and Overcoats for one-fourth less than the price labelled by the makers in the pocket of each garment, it means bargains if you please, that certainly have no duplicates in Victoria.

Fabrics are richer, patterns handsomer, tailoring closer to the ideal than ever went into Fit-Reform garments before.

Now is your chance to pick from the cream of the winter display and pay twenty-five per cent. less than the regular prices.

Sale commences Wednesday, January 24th, at 8 a. m., and will continue for two weeks only. Full Dress and Tuxedo Suits are not included in this sale. TERMS CASH.

Fit-Reform Wardrobe,
73 Government Street, Victoria.

—Last night the evangelistic services in the Metropolitan Methodist church were marked by larger numbers and much more enthusiasm. The pastor, Rev. G. K. B. Adams, took the question of the servants of the Jewish ruler, "Thy daughter is dead; why troublest thou the Master any further?" and showed how in answer to the prayer of faith, Christ still exerted his gracious Omnipotent power for the good of humanity. To-night the 8 o'clock service will be preceded by a "service of song" at 7.30 on the corner of Yates and Douglas streets. Citizens are invited to help in and enjoy both services.

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The Crimson Blind

By FRED. M. WHITE

CHAPTER X.—(Continued.)

He stood there rigidly, almost afraid to take the cigar from his lips, whilst Enid sped without further need for caution down the drive. The lodge gates were closed and the deaf porter's house in darkness, so that Enid could unlock the wicket without fear of detection. She rattled the key on the bars and a figure slipped out of the darkness.

"Really me, Enid. I came over on my bicycle. I am supposed to be round at some friend's house in Brunswick square, and one of the servants is sitting up for me. Is Reginald safe? He hasn't yet discovered the secret of the tradesman's book?"

"That's all right, dear. But why are you here? Has something dreadful happened?"

"Well, I will try to tell you so in as few words as possible. I never felt so ashamed of anything in my life."

"Don't tell me that our scheme has failed!"

"Perhaps I need not go so far as that. The first part of it came off all right, and then a very dreadful thing happened. We have got Mr. David Steel into frightful trouble. He is going up for me charged with attempted murder and robbery."

"Ruth! But tell me. I am quite in the dark."

"It was the night when—well, you know the night. It was after Mr. Steel returned home from his visit to 219, Brunswick square——"

"You mean 218, Ruth."

"It doesn't matter, because he knows pretty well all about it by this time. It would have been far better for us if we hadn't been quite so clever. It would have been far wiser to have taken Mr. Steel entirely into our confidence. Oh, oh, Enid, if we had only left out that little sentiment over the cigar case! Then we should have been all right.

"Dearest girl, my time is limited. I've got Reginald held up for the time, but at any moment he may escape from his bondage. What about the cigar case?"

"Well, Mr. Steel took it home with him. And when he got home he found a man nearly murdered lying in his conservatory. That man was conveyed to the Sussex county hospital, where he still lies in an unconscious state. On the body was found a receipt for a gun metal cigar case set with diamonds."

"Good gracious, Ruth, you don't mean to say——"

Oh, I do. I can't quite make how it happened, but that same case that we—that Mr. Steel has—has been positively identified as one purchased from Wales by the injured man. There is no question about it. And they have found out about Mr. Steel being short of money, and the £1,000, and everything."

"But we know that that cigar case from Lockhart's in North street was positively——"

"Yes, yes. But what has become of it? And in what strange way was the change made? I tell you that the whole thing frightens me. We thought that we had hit upon a scheme to solve the problem, and keep our friends out of danger. There was the American at Gelson who volunteered to assist us. A week later he was found dead in his bed. Then there was Christiana's friend, who disappeared entirely. And now we try further assistance in the case of Mr. Steel, and he stands face to face with a terrible charge. And he has found us out."

"He has found us out? What do you mean?"

"Well, he called to see me. He called at 219, of course. And directly I heard his name I was so startled that I am afraid I betrayed myself. Such a nice, kind, handsome man, Enid; so manly and good over it all. Of course he declared that he had been at 219 before, and I could only declare that he had done nothing of the kind. Never, never have I felt so ashamed of myself in my life before."

"It seems a pity," Enid said, thoughtfully. "You said nothing about 218?"

"My dear, he found it out. At least, Hatherly Bell did for him. Hatherly Bell happened to be staying down with us, and Hatherly Bell, who knows Mr. Steel, promptly solved, or half solved, that side of the problem. And Hatherly Bell is coming here to-night to see Aunt Margaret. He——"

"Here!" Enid cried. "To see Aunt Margaret? Then he found out about you. At all hazards Mr. Bell must not come here—he must not. I would rather let everything go than that. I would rather see auntie dead and Reginald Henson master here. You must——"

In the distance came the rattle of harness bells and the trot of a horse.

"I'm afraid it's too late," Ruth Gates said, sadly. "I am afraid that they are here already. Oh, if we had only left out that wretched cigar case!"

CHAPTER XI.

After Rembrandt.

"Before we go any farther," Bell said, after a long pause, "I should like to search the house from top to bottom. I've got a pretty sound theory in my head, but I don't like to leave anything to chance. We shall be pretty certain to find something."

"I am entirely in your hands," David said, wearily. "So far as I am capable of thinking out anything, it seems to me that we have to find the woman."

"Cherchez la femme is a fairly sound premise in a case like this, but when we have found the woman we shall have to find the man who is at the bottom of the plot. I mean the man who is not only thwarting the woman, but giving you a pretty severe lesson as to the advisability of minding your own business for the future."

"Then you don't think I am being made the victim of a vile conspiracy?"

"Not by the woman, certainly. You are the victim of some fiendish counterplot by the man, who has not quite mastered what the woman is driving at. By placing you in dire peril he compels the woman to speak to save you, and thus to expose her hand."

"Then in that case I propose to sit tight," David said, grimly. "I am bound to be prosecuted for robbery and attempted murder in due course. If my man dies I am in a tight place."

"And if he recovers your antagonist may be in a tighter," Bell chuckled. "And if the man gets well and that brain injury proves permanent—I mean if the man is rendered imbecile—why, we are only at the very threshold of the mystery. It seems a callous thing to say, but this is the prettiest problem I have had under my hands."

"Make the most of it," David said, sardonically. "I daresay I should see the matter in a more rational light if I were not so directly concerned. But, if we are going to make a search of the premises, the sooner we start the better."

Upstairs there was nothing beyond certain lumber. There were dust and dirt everywhere, save in the hall and front dining-room, which, as Bell sapiently pointed out, had obviously been cleared to make ready for Steel's strange reception. Down in the housekeeper's room was a large collection of dusty furniture, and a number of pictures and engravings piled with their faces to the wall. Bell began idly to turn the latter over.

"I am a maniac on the subject of old prints," he explained. "I never see a pile without a wild longing to examine them. And, by Jove, there are some good things here. Unless I am greatly mistaken—here, Steel, pull up the blinds! Good heavens, is it possible?"

"Found a Sistine Madonna or a stray Angelo?" David asked. "Or a ghost? What is the matter? Is it another phase of the mystery?"

"The Rembrandt," Bell gasped. "Look at it, man!"

Steel bent eagerly over the engraving. An old print, an old piece of china, an antique jewel, always exercised a charm over the novelist. He had an unerring eye for that kind of thing.

"Exquisite," he cried. "A Rembrant, of course, but I don't recollect the picture."

"The picture was destroyed by accident after Rembrandt had engraved it with his own hand," Bell proceeded to explain. He was quite coherent now, but he breathed fast and loud. "I shall proceed to give you the history of the picture presently, and more especially a history of the engraving."

"Has it any particular name?" David asked.

"Yes, we found that out. It was called 'The Crimson Blind!'"

"No getting away from the crimson blind," David murmured. "Still, I can quite imagine that to have been the name of the picture. That shutter or blind might have had a setting sun behind it, which would account for the tender warmth of the kitchen foreground and the deep gloom where the lovers are seated. By Jove, Bell, it is a magnificent piece of work. I've a special fancy for Rembrandt engravings, but I never saw one equal to that."

"And you never will," Bell replied, "save in one instance. The picture itself was painted in Rembrandt's modest lodgings in the Kelzerskroon tavern after the forced sale of his paintings at that hostel in the year 1658. At that time Rembrandt was painfully poor, as his recorded tavern bills show. The same bills also disclose the fact that 'The Crimson Blind' was painted for a private customer with a condition that the subject should be engraved as well. After one impression had been taken off the plate the picture was destroyed by a careless servant. In a sudden fit of rage Rembrandt destroyed the plate, having, they say, only taken one impression from it."

"Then there is only one of these engravings in the world? What a find!"

"There is one other, as I know to my cost," Bell said, significantly. "Until a few days ago I never entertained the idea that there were two. Steel, you are the victim of a vile conspiracy, but it is nothing to the conspiracy which has darkened my life.

"Sooner or later I always felt that I should get to the bottom of the mystery, and now I am certain of it. And, strange as it may seem, I verily believe that you and I are hunting the same man down—that the one man is at the bottom of the two evils. But you shall hear my story presently. What we have to find out now is who was the last tenant and who is the present owner of the house, and incidentally learn who this lumber belongs to. Ah, this has been a great day for me!"

Bell spoke exultingly, a great light shining in his eyes. And David sapiently asked no further questions for the present. All that he wanted to know would come in time. The next move, of course, was to visit the agent of the property.

(To be continued.)

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The Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the offices of the Company, 74 Wharf street, Victoria, on Wednesday, 14th February, 1906, at five p.m.
E. B. MARVIN, President.
F. F. HEDGES, Secy.-Treas.
12th January, 1906.

NOTICE

The south end of St. Charles street from Fairfield road to Chandler street, is closed to vehicular traffic from December 27th until further orders.
C. H. TOPP,
City Engineer.

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New Home List Just Out.

COWICHAN—26 acres, 10 cultivated, 12 pasture, orchard 200 trees, 7 room cottage and barn; price $3,000.

SHAWNIGAN—100 acres, 8 cultivated, 35 pasture, and orchard, 5 room cottage, new; price $3,000.

CALEDONIA PARK—Lots in this subdivision on Niagara, Carr, Simcoe and St. Andrew streets.

DENMAN ISLAND, COMOX DISTRICT—144 acres, 35 pasture, orchard, on salt water, good land, 8 room house, barns, price $1,800.

FOR SALE—50 of the best farms on Vancouver Island. Call at office for list.

FOR SALE—Choice lots on Pandora Ave.; price $300.

FOR SALE—100-acre farm, Somenos, house, barns, etc.; price $4,100.

FOR SALE—160 acres, on Cowichan river, house and other improvements; price $1,500.

FOR SALE—25 acres, on Esquimalt Harbor, price $2,500.

FOR SALE—6-roomed house, close to Government Buildings; price $2,000.

FOR SALE—Dairy farm at Somenos, fully stocked, buildings, etc.; price $4,000.

FOR SALE—Waterfront lots in Esquimalt, price $200, on terms of $10 per month.

HOUSES OR COTTAGES BUILT on monthly payment plan, under best architects and by competent builders.

RIVER FRONTAGE—50 acres improved, ½ mile Cowichan Station; price $2,800.

COTTAGE and 5 acres, all improved, at Shoal Bay; a bargain.

ORCHARD—20 acres in fruit, at Gordon Head; a going concern; cheap.

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NIAGARA STREET—Lots, price $900.

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FOR SALE—Oak Bay, 2½ acres, Oak Bay house, outbuildings, beautiful view of sea. (711.)

FOR SALE—Handsome bungalow and two lots, Oak Bay avenue, all modern conveniences. (692.)

FOR SALE—A five roomed cottage and two lots, on car line; price $2,000, easy terms. (614.)

FOR SALE—New modern dwelling of eight rooms, may be had at a very reasonable price, is centrally located, all modern conveniences, $7,400. (591.)

FOR SALE—Two good water front lots, worth looking into. (2248.)

FOR SALE—Many cheap lots, on the new Gorge car line.

FOR SALE—Two acres of choice land, at Shoal Bay. (2215.)

FOR SALE—150 acres, Saanich District, 40 cultivated, 200 fruit trees, large house, barns and several outbuildings; price $6,500 cash. (2815.)

FOR SALE—South Saanich, 11 miles from city, 50 acres, of which 35 are cultivated, 8 roomed house, barns, 20 fruit trees; price and terms on application. (2771.)

FOR SALE—Somenos District, 120 acres, 5 acres under hay, 30 acres fenced, 60 fruit trees, 8 roomed house, stock and furniture at a bargain. (2754.)

FOR SALE—Lake Hill Estate, ten acres, all fenced, seven acres cleared. (3133.)

FOR SALE—In centre of city, large modern dwelling and three city lots, having a frontage on two principal streets, well adapted for large boarding house, school or hospital; cost $19,500; our price, $10,500. (632.)

FOR SALE—Oak Bay avenue, handsome modern bungalow and three lots, reasonable price. (582.)

TO LEASE—Eight miles from the city, 125 acres, of which 65 are under cultivation, 6 roomed dwelling, two large barns, stock and implements must be purchased.

FOR SALE—Three and a half acres and cottage; half an acre of fruit, stable and all necessary outbuildings; this is within easy reach of the car and for sale at a very reasonable price. (3137.)

FOR SALE—Choice building site, 100x133, assessed value, $1,150; our price is only $700. (2245.)

FOR SALE—Seven and a half acres, in Mount Tolmie; this is well situated for a retired gentleman. (3111.)

FOR SALE—7½ acres and large dwelling, in the fashionable part of town, $25,000. (693.)

FOR SALE—Esquimalt road, cheap lots sold on the instalment plan of 20 per cent. cash. (2116.)

FOR SALE—The only choice lots left in the Douglas Gardens. (2006.)

FOR SALE—Saanich District, 100 acres bottom land, balance light gravel, 1½ story dwelling, two barns, 10 acres fenced, and three acres cultivated, 50 fruit trees in bearing; price $1,500. (2793.)

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Notice is hereby given that I intend to apply to the Board of Licensing Commissioners of the City of Victoria, at its next sitting, for a transfer from myself to Thomas J. Thomas of the license to sell spirituous and fermented liquors on the premises known as the Commercial Hotel, situate at No. 118 Douglas street, Victoria, B. C.
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Sporting News

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

TWO CHAMPIONSHIPS.

As previously mentioned by the Times, arrangements have been made for the organization of a Provincial Intermediate League. Notices have been sent to the majority of the athletic clubs of Vancouver Island, and those that have been overlooked have certainly received ample notification through the public press. Entries are being called for now and will be received up to the 29th of January. On the Tuesday evening following a meeting of the representatives of the different clubs intending to compete will be held, when a schedule will be drafted and other necessary preparations made for deciding the championship.

Already it is assured that three teams at least will enter the competition, namely, the Capitals, Centrals and Ladysmith. Even if no other eleven comes in a good league is guaranteed. It is intended that the question of supremacy shall be decided before the British Columbia finals take place, so that the Island intermediate champions may play a similar Mainland team for the provincial honors.

On the same occasion it is altogether probable that the local junior champions will meet the best Mainland junior team for the championship of British Columbia.

Up to the present the Central and Capital teams have not settled their differences, but whichever one wins the series now in progress will be perfectly willing to compete with the Mainlanders under any mutually satisfactory conditions.

TRAINING HARD.

Members of the Victoria United team have commenced a course of training which will continue for a fortnight and perhaps longer. They are preparing for two very important Island League matches. The first will take place next Saturday with the Egeria eleven, and the second on the Saturday following with the Garrison team. Providing the locals are successful in capturing the first mentioned, and the result is not at all certain because the sailors will be considerably strengthened for the occasion, that with the Garrison will practically decide the winner of the coveted trophy.

WANT FAIR PLAY.

To the Sporting Editor:—Allow me space in your valuable paper to comment on the report of the football match on Saturday, 20th, in the Daily Colonist, between Garrison and Egeria. According to the reporter the game should have been a draw, and the Garrison scored two off-side goals. (I wonder if the reporter could give a diagram of them.) He further states that the game was "utterly devoid of interest," and that the Garrison continually bombarded the Egeria goal, and that McIntosh, their goal-keeper, saved them from a much heavier score. I, as a player, would like to ask any Victoria sportsman who witnessed the game on Saturday if the report was fair to the Garrison. According to reports, the Garrison, who have been here for the last three seasons, have not had the honor of winning a match on their merits. I myself think that it is about time the Garrison team were recognized as one, if not the best, in British Columbia, and trust that in future the reporter of the Daily Colonist will be more fair and impartial in his reports. I will now conclude by stating that I don't think it is a reporter's duty to urge a losing team to protest, as I think there have been far too many protests against the Garrison, while the same team have not protested once, although they have had occasion to several times. Hoping to see this in your valuable paper.

W. H. PROVINS.

ATHLETICS.

SPORTS IN CHINA.

The international committee of the Young Men's Christian Association have issued a most interesting circular which reads, in part, as follows:

"The Y. M. C. A. recently introduced into China and Korea has been fostering athletics which were previously unknown to Orientals. In Seoul, Korea, the dumbbell and setting-up drills have been taken kindly to by the higher class young men. The American Y. M. C. A. secretaries trained on the football field and cinder path have brought in a gospel of masculine vigor which is changing the delicate Eastern members into strong and vigorous men.

"This description of a recent field day held by the Y. M. C. A. at Shanghai was given by the editor of the South China Daily Journal. This is a new thing among Confucianists. American athletes will go along with the new education policy lately approved by the Chinese Emperor. The new life that is stirring China was strikingly seen at the sports meeting held by the Chinese Y. M. C. A. on Saturday last. When before in the long history of Cathay have we seen Taotais holding the tape at the finishing line, as their younger fellow-nationals struggled for mastery on the 100-yards track or in the one-mile run? The day was full of prophesy. At the pole vault the secretary of a Chinese Duke and the assistant mixed court magistrate put aside the usual reserve and were seen enthusiastically standing upon the tops of benches in order to hold the cross pole. In the hammer throw we observed the manager of the Imperial Chinese telegraphs doing yeoman's duty throwing the 16-pound weight back to the youths who were waiting their turn. A leading bank compradore served actively as a voluntary marshal, and helped to keep the track clear for the 440-yards run, when the excitement was highest. College students in uniform from different colleges were present, some of whom marched to the Y. M. C. A. grounds accompanied by bugles. The college yells indulged in, after the American style, were scarcely known in Old China. Another striking feature was the presence of Chinese ladies from prominent families, a special tent being reserved for them. Chinese ladies acted as hostesses and also provided the refreshments. Taotai Wong Kor-shuh, chairman of the association, presented the prize winners at the conclusion of the sports to Madame Wu Ting-fang, and, as far as we are informed, for the first time in history a Chinese lady brought a sports meeting to a conclusion by presentation of the medals. The enthusiasm of the spectators was intense, and as one of our English contemporaries remarked, the presence of Admiral Sah's marine band playing Yankee Doodle and Hiawatha was certainly in keeping with the spirit of the day.'"

LACROSSE.

THURSDAY'S MEETING.

Those interested are again reminded that on Thursday evening a meeting will be held in the Y. M. C. A. rooms, Broad street. It has been called by Rev. W. W. Bolton, who, it is understood, has an important statement to make regarding the conduct of the junior and intermediate leagues during the summer months.

BILLIARDS.

THE DRIARD TOURNEY.

There were a number of spectators on hand when the Driard tourney match between A. Gibson (rec. 50) and J. Anderson was called last evening. The contest was not close, Gibson having no difficulty in distancing his opponent. He won out by a score of 300 to 194 points.

Messrs. Deppe and Walker will try conclusions this evening, and an exciting struggle is expected.

BASKETBALL.

JUNIOR MATCH.

A junior league basketball match was played between the Y. M. C. A. and F. Y. M. A. teams last evening, resulting in a win for the latter by a score of 19 points to 11. F. Jacobsen acted as referee.

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PROVINCIAL NEWS.

PHOENIX.

The mill at the La Plata mines will be in operation before the 1st of May, and the shipments from the mine will then be materially increased. The first car of machinery has arrived from the Jenckes company. The La Plata Mines company's property generally is in a very satisfactory condition. The recently discovered veins of high grade silver-lead ore are all maintaining their values, and fulfilling their promise as to the extent of the new ore bodies. The company has for some time been making regular shipments to the Hall mines smelter of clean ore, which will be continued. But when the mill is in operation all the ore will be concentrated and shipped and the mines will be operated on a very large scale. Meanwhile the policy of extensive development has been steadily prosecuted, with the result that shipments in large quantities are practically assured for a very long time.

NELSON.

From official figures just made public it is learned that the Granby Consolidated during the calendar year 1905, smelted altogether 678,988 tons of ore, or an average of 57,322 tons per month. Of this total, there were 33,505 tons of custom ore smelted, the balance of 654,483 tons being from the company's Phoenix mines. As the company shipped 653,889 tons of its own ore in the same period of time, it used up about 1,000 tons more of its own ore than was shipped in the twelve months, a large reserve being carried at the smelter. The largest month for custom smelting was September, 4,682 tons, and the smallest was December, when only 1,643 tons of outside ore were handled, although December was the greatest month for smelting in the history of the Granby Consolidated, 78,706 tons of its own ore being treated."—Pinoeer.

GREENWOOD.

An accident occurred at the Mother Lode mine last week, resulting in the serious injury of one man, and in two others being painfully cut and bruised. The men were engaged in mining rock in the quarry and had just prepared a series of charges when one of the fuses in some way prematurely ignited the bare powder and exploded at the feet of Matt Russick, horribly shattering his right leg. The other men, James Engean and James Pascoe, were cut and bruised on the arms and legs. It was only the bravery of the gang that averted a much more serious disater. The charges were all on the point of exploding and the injured men would have been blown to pieces, but their mates assisted them quickly to a place of safety. Russick's leg had to be amputated, and the unfortunate victim is now out of danger.

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We have received so many letters from ladies in Canada asking us to continue the supplying of the beautiful Cabinet Photos which we have been sending out for the last two months, that we have decided to continue the supply until the end of February, 1906. Please note the conditions for securing the Photo.

One photo will be sent free of cost to each lady who sends her full post office address and four of the inner envelopes which contained DIAMOND DYE of any color.

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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Jan. 23.—5 a. m.—The pressure is high in California, but a storm area maintains its position north of Vancouver Island and is causing strong gales on the outside waters, with snow in Cariboo and moderate to heavy rainfall in the southern part of the province and throughout Oregon and Washington. Temperatures are much milder on the Coast. In the Northwest a vast area of high pressure covers the entire region and a decided cold wave prevails in all parts, the temperature reaching 34 below zero; the weather is mostly fair with scattered light snowfall.

Forecasts.

For 36 hours ending 5 p.m. Wednesday.

Victoria and vicinity—Easterly and southerly winds, chiefly cloudy and mild, with showers.

Lower Mainland—Easterly winds, unsettled and mild, with rain.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 29.73; temperature, 46; minimum, 43; wind, 8 miles E.; rain, .25; weather, cloudy.

New Westminster—Barometer, 29.73; temperature, 44; minimum, 38; wind, 4 miles E.; rain, 1.66; weather, rain.

Nanaimo—Wind, calm; weather, cloudy, showery.

Kamloops—Barometer, 29.70; temperature, 22; minimum, 16; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.

Barkerville—Barometer, 29.52; temperature, 26; minimum, 6; wind, 4 miles S.; snow, .60; weather, snow.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.30; temperature, 48; minimum, 48; wind, 10 miles N. W.; rain, .02; weather, rain.

Port Simpson—Barometer, 29.14; temperature, 26; minimum, 10; wind, 34 miles N. W.; weather, cloudy.

Edmonton—Barometer, 30.20; temperature, 12 below; minimum, 22 below; wind, 12 miles N. E.; snow, .02; weather, snow.

First Lieutenant von Franck, the oldest officer in the German army, has celebrated his 100th birthday at Charlottenburg. He is in full possession of his faculties.

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To establish, construct or acquire by purchase, lease or otherwise, and to maintain and operate any overhead, underground, wireless or cable lines of telegraph or telephone from and to any places in Canada or elsewhere, and to make connection with any telegraph or telephone lines, including cables, and any system of wireless telegraphy now or hereafter in use in Canada or elsewhere, or lease its lines or any part thereof;

To enter into arrangements with any telegraph company for the exchange and transmission of messages, or for the working in whole or in part of the lines of the Company;

To enter into any arrangements with any person, board or company possessing, as proprietors, any line of telephonic communication or wireless telegraphy or other apparatus, upon such terms and in such manner as the board of directors from time to time deem expedient or advisable;

To manufacture, purchase or otherwise acquire, lease, deal in, sell and dispose of instruments, apparatus, plant and appliances used or for use in connection with a telegraph or telephone business;

To acquire by purchase or otherwise, or to dispose of shares in any capital stock of, and the bonds, debentures or other securities of any company authorized to carry on a telegraph or telephone business;

To acquire and dispose of any rights in letters patent, franchises or patent rights for the purposes of the Company's undertaking;

To maintain and repair telegraph lines for others within the Dominion of Canada or elsewhere;

To erect, maintain and keep up their line or lines along the side of or across any public highways, bridges, water courses or other such places, or under any navigable waters, either wholly in Canada or dividing Canada from any other country;

To enter, by and through their workmen and agents, duly authorized, into and upon the lands of His Majesty, or any person or persons, or bodies politic or corporate whatsoever, and survey the same, or any part thereof, and to set out and ascertain such parts thereof as they think necessary and proper for making the said telegraph or telephone line;

To erect in or upon such lands, such posts, station houses and other works as the Company think requisite and convenient for the purposes of the said line or lines, and to erect works upon or across any non-navigable river, necessary for making and completing the said line or lines;

To cut down the trees and underwood for the space of fifty feet on each side of the said lines wherever the same shall pass through any wood;

To borrow such sum of money, not exceeding the amount of the paid up capital of the Company, as the shareholders deem necessary, and to issue bonds therefor, which shall be and form a first charge upon the whole lines, works and plant of the Company, in such sum and at such rates of interest, and payable at such times and places as the directors determine, for the purpose of carrying out any of the objects or purposes of the Company;

To enter into contracts with any government, corporation, company or individual in respect of the construction, acquisition or operation of telegraph or telephone lines, or any public or private improvements in any Province of Canada or elsewhere;

To possess all such other powers and privileges as may have been given to any company having like purposes in view, or as may be incident to or reasonably necessary for the successful carrying out of the undertaking contemplated.

Dated at Montreal this 16th day of December, 1905.

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SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH-WEST

HOMESTEAD REGULATIONS.

Any even numbered section of Dominion Lands in Manitoba or the Northwest Provinces, excepting 8 and 26, not reserved, may be homesteaded upon by any person who is the sole head of a family, or any male over 18 years of age, to the extent of one-quarter section, of 160 acres, more or less.

Entry may be made personally at the local land office for the district in which the land to be taken is situated, or if the homesteader desires, he may, on application to the Minister of the Interior, Ottawa, the Commissioner of Immigration, Winnipeg, or the local agent for the district in which the land is situate, receive authority for some one to make entry for him.

HOMESTEAD DUTIES: A settler who has been granted an entry for a homestead is required to perform the conditions connected therewith under one of the following plans:

(1) At least six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each year during the term of three years.

(2) If the father (or mother, if the father is deceased) of any person who is eligible to make a homestead entry under the provisions of this Act, resides upon a farm in the vicinity of the land entered for by such person as a homestead, the requirements of this Act as to residence prior to obtaining patent may be satisfied by such person residing with the father or mother.

(3) If the settler has his permanent residence upon farming land owned by him in the vicinity of his homestead, the requirements of this Act as to residence may be satisfied by residence upon the said land.

APPLICATION FOR PATENT should be made at the end of three years, before the Local Agent, Sub-Agent or the Homestead Inspector.

Before making application for patent the settler must give six months' notice in writing to the Commissioner of Dominion Lands at Ottawa, of his intention to do so.

SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTHWEST MINING REGULATIONS.

Coal.—Coal lands may be purchased at $10 per acre for soft coal and $20 for anthracite. Not more than 320 acres can be acquired by one individual or company. Royalty at the rate of ten cents per ton of 2,000 pounds shall be collected on the gross output.

Quartz.—A free miner's certificate is granted upon payment in advance of $7.50 per annum for an individual, and from $50 to $100 per annum for a company according to capital.

A free miner, having discovered mineral in place, may locate a claim 1,500x1,500 feet.

The fee for recording a claim is $5.

At least $100 must be expended on the claim each year or paid to the mining recorder in lieu thereof. When $500 has been expended or paid, the locator may, upon having a survey made, and upon complying with other requirements, purchase the land at $1 an acre.

The patent provides for the payment of a royalty of 2½ per cent. on the sales.

PLACER mining claims generally are 100 feet square; entry fee $5, renewable yearly.

A free miner may obtain two leases to dredge for gold of five miles each for a term of twenty years, renewable at the discretion of the Minister of the Interior.

The lessee shall have a dredge in operation within one season from the date of the lease for each five miles. Rental, $10 per annum for each mile of river leased. Royalty at the rate of 2½ per cent. collected on the output after it exceeds $10,000.

W. W. CORY,
Deputy of the Minister of the Interior.

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TIME TABLE NO. 57—EFFECTIVE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21st, 1905.

Northbound. Leave.	Daily. A.M.	Southbound. Arrive. P.M.	Northbound. Leave.	Sat., Sun. & Wed. P.M.	Southbound Arrive P.M.
Victoria	9.00	12.06	Victoria	3.00	7.00
		A.M.			
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